

New Bedford.
April 11, 1869.

Today I have copied into this ^{Journal} some extracts from a log of the same voyage, at the N. B. Whaling Museum. It is fairly legible, binding v.g., some red sealing-wax marks inside the front cover. Probably it is the official log, just as this is the "private journal" of Capt. Clough. The top heading runs "Log Book of the Ship Niagara of Fairhaven. Benjamin Clough, Master." This ^{Museum} log begins "Friday Oct. 10th 1851. At 4 P.M. we got under way..." The Journal says "Thursday October 9th. At 4 P.M. took our anchor" etc. otherwise the dates correspond.

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Mate writes - Friday June 3^d (sic) 1853 - Ship close in by the Ice, plenty of Whalers in the Ice a whaling at 6 P.M. the Starboard and Waist boats struck one Whale at the same time the Captain was mowed out of his boat by the second Iron and taken under the ice for several minutes but by good luck we succeeded in saving him although badly bruised and took him to the Ship lost two lines and got the boat pretty stove ...

[17 March 1969.] Checking Old Dartmouth Hist. Soc.

No. 53 (1936) I find in their list of logs #1622 is described as

also Northern Light, ¹⁷²² Bark, New Bedford, Smith 1871

→ Niagara; Ship Fairhaven, Clough, 1851

March 6 or 7, 1852, coroner's jury in Honolulu (see note by Ben C. Clough at that point.)

Sept. 17, 1852 Phoenix of New London tried to steal the Niagara's whale.

Thursday, June 3, 1853, B.C. dragged under the ice.

Private Journal of Capt Benj. Clough

Thursday Oct 9th 1851

Moderate S. E. winds at four P.M. took our anchor at Clarks point, and at half past six discharged our Pilot off Burne and bid our friends farewell with three cheers, Braced forward and steered by the wind to the S.W. with thirtyone men on board all took at eight passed the Bark Perners, at ten passed the Ohio. Many sad hearts long faces and downcast looks and wet eyes.

Friday Oct 10th 1851

We had a fine beautiful night wind to the S.E. this morning wind to the Eastward heading up S.E. No land in sight Ohio on the weather quarter dropping gradually astern Ship sailing very finely all hands at work fitting boats but thinking more of friends left behind than work on board. Many more looks cast astern than forward. Quite a number of the crew seasick.

A number of vessels in sight steering on different tracks. Lat 40. 89, Long 71. 09, West

Saturday Oct 11th 1851

Fresh S.E. winds steering by the wind to S.W. at sunset doubled reefed the topsail saw or social standing to the Northward for home soon will be greeted with kind hearts and smiling faces which we shall not see for many weary months.

Lat 38 00 Long 70 50 W

Master of Ship Niagara of Burhaver

Sunday Oct 12th 1851

Strong S. & W. winds steering by the wind
to the S. S. W. untill seven this morning
when we were ship to the E. & N. E.
Under double reefed topsails Sunday
the day of rest and I have made it so
on board the Niagara, I find myself a little
homesick so much so as to take away all
my appetite it seems to me this day
has been as long as an ordinary lifetime
but it is the path I chose myself and
can I repine I do but is it right
Lat 37 54 or Long 69 50 W.

Monday October 13

Fresh southerly wind seeing East Barometer
falling gradually and wind increasing from
the S. S. W. shortening sail as it blows on
at dark under a close reefed main and
foretopsails and laying by the wind
Ship very creaky to carry sail on but seems
to lay too well so far. Cooks sick with the
fluor. Steward sick. Heaters sick with a pain
in his side. Tiffany went across the deck
and hurt him very bad ten or fifteen more
seasick. O the pleasures of a gale in the
Gulph outward bound

Lat 38 20 or Long 65 50 W

Tuesday October 14

Commence with fresh gales from the S. W. with
heavy squalls and much rain all day light
more moderate set the topsails and kept her off
E by S Lat 39 30 Long 62 50 W

Private Journal of Benja. Clough: Master of the

Wednesday Oct 15th 1854

Strong S.W. gales steering E by south under short
sail crew to grain and scud to carry on hard
Lat 39 28 Long 53 50 W

Thursday Oct 16

Commenced with heavy S.W. winds steering E by
S. at midnight wind hauled to the West at
three A.M. hauled to the North at sunset under
double reefed topsails, jib & mainsail shipping
water fore and aft in small quantities
Course S.E. by E one week out to night and
it has been as long as a month ought to be
to me many friends are wishing us luck
and prosperity pleasant gales and smooth sea
I hope pleasant dreams may they have
Lat 39 00 Long 55 00

Friday Oct 17th

Strong N.E. winds steering S.E. by E under
double reefed topsails untill ten A.M. when
we set whole topsails at five P.M. double
reefed them again saw a brig steering by
the wind to the S.E. Lat 38 57 Long 51 00

Saturday Oct 18

Strong N.E. winds steering S.E. under double reefed
topsails Saturday night once more holy thoughts
of A distant shore gently over me stealing and I
will keep this evening sacred in remembrance
of one on a fair Isle of the ocean may her
Shout never be less Capt. Tenney

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven

Sunday October 19th 1851

Moderate Easterly winds steering by the wind S.E. under double reefed topsails untill two P.M. when we set all sail saw a brig last night standing to the S.W.
Bar 30 $\frac{5}{10}$ fond memory brings to my mind, how pleasant situated I was two weeks ago this evening, may heaven bless my companion at that time and have her in safe keeping untill I return.
Lat 36.57 N Long 43 30 W

Monday October 20 1851

Light winds from the East first part steering S.E. first part but keeps hauling gradually to the Southeast at four P.M. tacked to the S.E. at sunset she comes up S.E. all hands employed at fitting the rigging
Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$ Large bed of gulph weed weather look like a northerly wind Lat 34.40 S Long 42 48 W

Tuesday October 21 1851

First part light S.W. winds steering S.E. later part strong W.S.W. winds steering S.E. by S saw quite a number of Humpbacks a moderate quantity of Gulphweed
All hands employed at fitting Ship Bar 30 $\frac{9}{10}$ falling
Lat 33.52 N Long 39 50

Wednesday October 22

Strong westerly winds steering S.E. by S untill three P.M. when I kept her S.E. Blacksmith come aft and entered a complaint that the Mate kicked him and was rather saucy and said if he did it again he would strike him I told him if he ever laid his finger on an officer of mine I would put him in the rigging and flay him I then put my foot into his stern and took hold of the neck of his neck and started him forward
At sunset Ship with main topgallant set
Very rainy last night Bar 29 $\frac{5}{11}$ Lat 31.10 Long 31

Private Journal of Benja. Clough Master of Ship of

Thursday October 23rd 1841

Fresh N.W. winds steering S. S. E. with topgallant sail
out heavy swell aft. all hands employed at setting
up rigging and lashing on extra spars some
over the stern and some up by the foremast
Bar 29 $\frac{8}{10}$ Lat 28 51 Long 93 51

Friday October 24th

Light Northerly winds steering S by E. half E with
topgallant sail out rather a heavy swell from the
Northward. Very fine weather all hands employed
at ship daily lashing spars making boatfalls &c
this being one of the days when nothing happens to
vary scene Lat 26 51 Long 93 00 Bar 30. $\frac{8}{10}$

Saturday October 25

Light Northerly winds steering S by N. water
sail broke out for Iron Hook and water
and found the water over the ground tier
of Coaks. We have been pursuing search
hours and no sign of breeding of her
One the long weeks since I saw you adorable
and of all my wishes where art thou now
May you have peaceful nights and happy dreams
Lat 25 00 Long 91 30 Bar 30 $\frac{5}{10}$

Sunday October 26

Light Northerly winds steering S by E saw three
Sails standing to the Westward found a lock
in the forced pump next to the ceiling
Hope triumphs and tells of bright days to
come Barometer 30 $\frac{2}{10}$ Lat 23 07 Long 90 40

Maryover's Log of Fairhaven

Monday, October 17th

First part light westerly winds middle part light S.W. wind later part moderate W.S.W. winds

Course South when she will go it

All hands employed at fitting rigging &c
Barometer 30.00 Lat 21 40 Long 29 41

Tuesday, October 18

Light southerly winds steering by the wind to
S.E. Saw at brig rather a suspicious fellow for
a companion became down within about four
miles of but did not seem to like our
appearance and set his topgallantsails and
royals and went off on the wind on the other
tack (so mote it be) All hands employed
at setting up rigging water very smooth with
an occasional pale rip Bar 30.00
Lat 19 20 S Long 27 30

Wednesday October 19

Light southerly winds steering by the wind to the
S.E. until seven A.M. when I tacked to the W.S.W.
All employed at fitting rigging &c, setting up the
fore rigging lowered away my boat for the
first time lowered away my boat for the
first time and such admirable confusion.
I never witnessed before some catching their oars
some setting back beneath surge on the wrong
side of the boat, pull you forward says I
I will do my endeavours says Port and setting
right in the middle of the boat one foot one
side and on the other over he went and
lost his oar

Barometer 30.10
Lat 18 34 Long 26 33 W.

Private Journal of J. Benja. Clough Master Master of

Thursday October 28th 1841

Light wind from every point of the compass
calms working to the Southward. All hands
employed at fitting ship set up the lower
main and mizen rigging at sunset it
very light breeze from the Northward
steering south Bar 30 $\frac{7}{10}$

Lat 13⁰⁰ S Long. 27¹⁴ W

Friday October 31

First part light Northerly wind Middle
and later part strong Easterly wind
steering S by W. All hands employed at
raising the rigging passed a sail steering
to the S.S.W. Lat 16¹⁸ Long 27⁰⁰

Saturday November 1

Commence with strong Easterly wind
steering S by W. at Eight in the morning we had
squall from the Southward but the wind hauled gradually
to the Eastward so that the ship went her course again
at two P.M. we passed two sails standing to the southward
Passed quite a number of tide rips all hands
employed at ship's duty Bar 30 $\frac{9}{10}$

Lat 13¹⁸ Long 26⁵¹ W

Sunday November 2

Moderate Easterly wind steering S by W by compass
all hands at leisure saw a Humpback

Lat 10¹² Long 26⁵⁴ W

Monday November 3

Light N.E. wind steering S by W. had a number
of squalls and from 11th Thunder and lightning
and much rain. Saw a big steering S by W

Lat 7⁵⁸ Long 27⁰⁰

Ship Navigator of Fairhaven

Tuesday November 4th 1851

Light variable winds but mostly from the Eastward steering South. At Eight A.M. saw Blackfish lowered four boats and chased them all of the forenoon, came on board and got dinner and tried them again but could not get fast. I shot a member with my gun but they sank before I could get them. Saw three sail two steering to the southward and one to the westward. No Obs very squally last night and much rain. Bar 30⁰⁰

Wednesday November 5th

Commenced with light winds from the Westward steering S by middle part heavy squalls from the East. Later part light variable wind. Seven sails in sight. Employed at tarring. Barometer 29.9 Long 26.15 Lat 5.40

Thursday November 6th

All of these twentyfour hours calms and we made a westerly drift of Ten miles four sails in sight one a Clipper bark about two miles off. Saw a school of blackfish last night and I very much regret it was not daylight so that we could catch some as we are almost out of lampoil. Lat 5.50 Long 26.20.

Friday November 7th

Calms still horns employed at tarring rigging. At nine A.M. the Starboard boat lowered and got a blackfish. At three P.M. the starboard boat lowered and got another blackfish. Four sails in sight. Bar 30⁰⁰ Lat 5.55 Long 26.

Private Journal of Benj: Clough Master

Saturday November 8th 1851

Calm all night at Eight A.M. A light
wind sprung up from the Eastward
The ship just moving through the water
Saw at large ship to the Eastward and a
Bark to the S.W. Heard a boatsteerer
and the Blacksmith got a fighting
sheep them a little and fought only
more fighting Bar 30⁰⁰

Lat 54° 5' S Long 26° 00'

Sunday November 9th

Very light Easterly wind steering S by W
At three P.M. lowered for blackfish. Got none
four sails in sight steering to the Southward

Bar 30⁰⁰ Lat 55° 00' N Long 26° 00'

Our kind friends at home may the Lord bless
them and have them in safe keeping

Monday November 10

Slight S & W winds steering by the wind to the
S.W. under all sail employed at towing
We sent up our topmast and cross trees and royal
rigging several sails in sight but we
cut sail them all Bar 29^{1/2} Lat 34° 00' N Long 26° 30'

Tuesday November 11

Strong S & W winds steering by the wind
to the S.W. heavy squalls of wind and
rain. Three sails in sight

Gave the men a regular watch below
for the first time Bar 29^{1/2} Lat 11° 20' N Long 29° 00'

Wednesday November 12

Strong winds from the S & W steering by the
wind to the S.W. Saw a ship steering N.W.
Lat 11° 20' S Long 30° 00'

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven

Thursday November 13th 1851

Fresh S.E. trades steering by the wind to the S.S. under all sail. Saw sports in the morning with them. sperm whales got ready to leave the boats but they proved to be blackfish broke out between decks to get an oak plank to make braces for the dories and get cut boards to sheath the decks Bar 29.5 Lat 35.5 S Long 91.19 W

Friday November 14

These heavy fairs strong S.E. trades steering by the wind to the S.S.P. Carpenters employed at sheathing the decks. Saw the Bark & Coming of New York steering S.W. by S. Bar 30.5 Lat 7.00 S Long 92.13

Saturday November 15

Fresh S.E. winds steering by the wind to the S.S.W. under topgallant sails employed at sheathing deck Bar 30.5 Lat 10.24 S Long 93.14 W

Sunday November 16

Moderate Easterly steering by the wind to the southward under topgallant sails saw two sails steering to the Northward, many or one on board anxious to get home to meet wives and sweethearts. God speed them safe home. Home here means blessing recollecting does the word bring to my mind smiling faces and gregarious friends. When we look upon the limbstones of the great every emotion of every day in us; When we read the epitaphs of the beautiful every unobscured desire goes out; when we meet with the grief of parents when a limbstone our hearts melt with compassion. Lat 13.19 Long 93.00 Bar 30.5

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Monday November 17th 1851

Fresh N.E. winds steering S.S.E. with topgallant
sails out employed at sheathing the decks
At two P.M. saw Humphreys
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lat 15.50 S Long 92 24 W

Tuesday November 18th

Light N.E. winds and calms steering S.E. by S
with topgallant sails out employed sheathing
decks making headstays setting up rigging
S.P. look over Codfish up to day
At sunset saw Breacher ten miles
off S by E at dark wind N.W.
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lat 16.44 S Long 92 13 W

Wednesday November 19

Light Easterly winds and calms steering
S.E. by S. finished sheathing decks Flew to
one of the boatsteers got the steward
to steal some cherry rum for him out
of my room I gave the steward a
good shaking I think the boatsteer
is a most unmitigated scoundrel and
I will punish him yet
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lat 17.16 S Long 92 02

Thursday November 20

Light N.E. wind steering S.E. by with topgall
antsails out saw a ship S by steering N.W.
and I was very anxious to send two letters
home but they did not come near enough
Lat 17 50 Long 89 16
I think we have had a very strong
easterly current the two days
past

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven.

Friday November 21st 1854

Light N & E winds steering South at ten A.M. I saw the Sound Martin Vees at two P.M. I went in with my boat and caught about twenty surf fish or very indifferent fish and very poor food at four P.M. came on board and kept her S. S. E. for Tristram
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 20 15 S Long 29 15 W
found the chronometer about ten miles to the Westward

Saturday November 22

Light N & E winds steering S. S. E. under all sail the watch employed at washing the ship inside
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 22 19 S Long 27 40 W

Sunday, November 23

Light winds from the N. N. E. steering S. S. E. with topgallant sails cut. At daylight saw a large English bark steering by the wind to the East Eight long weeks since I left Martha's Vineyard and those I hold most dear; and so it is, we are doomed through life, to meet and part; to joy and sorrow; all our pleasures are all in anticipations it is greater than reality we are always anticipating pleasure that we never get but what is life a few short years then we pass into our eternity all must die rich and poor, high and low, young as well as honest people all shall die and be forgotten in a few short years.

Lat 24 11 S Long 26 00 Bar 30 to

I think we have got about the last of the S. E. trades

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Monday November 24th 1851

Moderate N.W. wind steering S.E. by S at dayly
saw large ship ahead steering our course
about ten miles off with every thing out three
royals and fore and main topmast and topgal.
luntstudding sails at one recd her name
the Comet Willes of London at dark she was astern
three miles off. At Eight A.M. we set our
Fore topmast and lower studding sails for the first
time at ten A.M. sent up the Fore royal yard
to the main and bent the sail Bar 30

Lat 26:06 S Long 24:00 W

Tuesday November 25th

First part fresh wind from the N.W. latter part
strong W.W. winds with much rain steering S.E. by
under all sail at three P.M. took in the studding sails
Bar 29:8 Lat 28:10 Long 22:00 W

Wednesday November 26

First part strong N.W. winds with heavy rain middle
and latter part moderate S.W. winds steering S.E. by
S. with topgal lunt sails out saw quite a number
of tinbercks. Painted the rail around the poop
Bar 29:8 Lat 30:06 S Long 18:35 W

Thursday November 27

First part light S.W. winds middle calm latter
part light Easterly wind employed in painting
the iron work outside the ship and making
a pumpig below. Lat 30:36 Long 17:00 Bar 29:70

Friday November 28

First part light winds from the Eastward with all
sail out latter part a gale with rain under
double reefed topsails Bar 29:8
No Obs

the Whale Ship *Niagara* of Fairhaven to Arctic Ocean

Saturday November 29th 1881

Commenced with a moderate easterly gale freshening South under double reefed topsails middle part wind hauling gradually to the southward at seven P.M. we tacked to the E.S.E. under double reefed topsails and reefed main-sail. No Obs saw a plenty of bird

Sunday November 30

Commenced with fresh southerly winds middle part moderate later part calm steering by the wind to the E.S.E. at four P.M. saw blackfish lowered and got line to wait boat and one to starboard but at six P.M. took them along side saw quite a number of finbacks Bar 30 $\frac{00}{10}$ Lat 35 11 S Long 16 25

Monday December 1st

First part calm later part light N.E. winds steering S.E. Employed at putting pennants on the lower yards Heeled out our blackfish Bar 30 $\frac{10}{10}$ Lat 35 20 South Long 15 35 W

Tuesday December 2nd

Strong N.E. wind steering S.E. at seven A.M. saw British *De Steunacht* bearing S.S.E. and steered down for it at four P.M. sent three lifeboat boats in a fishing at seven they came on board with about a barrel and a half of fish Saw a bark to request spoke her the *Sarah* of Annapolis Twenty months out too of Spinn. At nine in the evening kept on our course Bar 30 $\frac{10}{10}$ Lat 36 39

Wednesday December 3rd

Strong N.E. wind steering to the S.E. middle part with the main-topgallant sail out later part under double reefed topsails Bar 30 $\frac{10}{10}$ Lat 38 20 S Long 4 46 W

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Thursday December 4th 1851.

+ strong N.E. Gale under double reefed topsails the first part later part under close reefed topsails and reefed courses steering S. E. and E. S. E. Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$
Lat 39.40 S Long 08 00 W

Friday December 5

Strong Northerly wind with rain and fog steering E by S under double reefed topsails Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$ Feb

Saturday December 6

First part strong N.E. wind with much rain under double reefed topsails Middle and later part more moderate with all sail set steering E by S

Saw a plenty of Whal feed and also birds and finbacks Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 40:30 S Long 01 27 W

If we all adhered to our private resolutions what singular consistent mortals we should be! But time and the tide of events carry the strongest of us along with them

Sunday December 7

First part strong Northerly wind Middle and later part strong westerly wind steering E by S at seven A.M. saw two Whal

which lowered the starboard boat for them without success to rugged to get to the

windward point Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 38:50 S Long 1:40 E

Monday December 8

First part strong westerly wind steering E S E Middle and later part strong S S W wind

saw a plenty of finbacks Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 38:00 S Long 6:00

One of Eves front daughters had enticed him to her house and he became merry with wine

Ship Niagara of Fair Haven bound to the Arctic ocean

Tuesday December 9th 1854
Strong S E wind steering by the wind to the
Eastward under topsails Employed at making
or mending for the ship Bar 30 $\frac{7}{10}$ Lat 34 00 Long 9 40 E
When I return shall I meet smiles as bright as
those that used to welcome me

Wednesday December 10th
Strong S E wind steering by the wind to the
Eastward under double reefed topsails
Bar 30 $\frac{7}{10}$ Lat 35:40 South Long 11 40 East
Long equipments are not to be depended upon
there is many ship between the cup and the lip
better marry in haste and repent at leisure

Thursday December 11
A strong S E gale under close reefed topsails
steering by the wind to the Eastward untill
ten A.M. when we were ship to the Eastward
S. E. winds off the Cape of Good Hope hauled long
No Obs

Friday December 12
Commences with a strong S. E. wind heaving to the S. W.
under sheet sail at nine last night were ship to the
S. E. and made some sail later part more moderate
heaving S. E. with the main topgallant sail out
Barometer 30 $\frac{7}{10}$ Lat 35:31 S Long 13:34 East

Saturday December 13
Light S. W. wind steering by the wind to the
S. E. by S. under all sail Lat 36:00 Long 16 00

Sunday December 14
Light winds from S. W. to N. W. steering S. E.
saw blackish liquor and got Deceen
but lost one among side Saw a ship
steering S. E. No Obs down after flood.

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Monday December 15th 1851
light westerly winds steering to the S E by S.
with all sail out. One sail in sight ahead
Bar 29 $\frac{10}{10}$ Lat 36:34 South Long 18 04 East

Tuesday December 16
Strong westerly winds steering S E by south
with all sail out at ten A.M. raised a ship
ahead at dark she was one mile of ahead
Bar 29 $\frac{10}{10}$ Lat 37 01 Long 21 19

Wednesday December 17
Strong westerly gales at nine last night
passed that ship she was a whaler but I did
not learn her name, Course S. E.
main reefed out Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$ Lat 38 10 Long 26 10 E

Thursday December 18
Moderate westerly gales steering S E by under
all sail. Commenced on reefs
Bar 29 $\frac{8}{10}$ and rising Lat 38 19 Long 30 10

Friday December 19.
Commenced with moderate westerly winds steering S E
by E but at seven last night the wind commen-
ced heaving to the Eastward at daylight
wind East heaving S S E by the current
later past the same with the wind
breezing on with the appearance of a gale
Bar 30 Lat 38:00 Long 34 10

Saturday December 20
at strong N E wind steering S E by E
under double reefed topsails
Bar 29 $\frac{8}{10}$ Lat 39 05 Long 35 00

Ship Niagara of Burhaven bound to the Arctic Ocean

Sunday December 21st 1851

Strong N.E. winds steering S.E. by S under double reefed topsails. Later part whole topsails and Mainsail & gallsails out

I was missing this evening on the death of my brother what a dreadful thing to be called home and find the house in mourning all my friends in tears and three dearly beloved brothers lying dead side by side. I think the hand of the Lord was laid heavy on my father and mother may he lay his hand lightly on them the rest of their lives and let them go down peacefully to their graves.

Is the earnest prayer of their affectionate son.
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ Lat 39:25 Long 39 40 E Benjamin Elough

Monday December 22

Moderate N.E. wind steering S.E. by E with all sail out at daylight passed a brig steering E.S. stowed down six barrels of blackfish oil and filled one ground tier cask. Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$ and rising
Lat 39:35 South Long 43 40 East

Tuesday December 23

Strong N.E. wind steering E.S.E. under double reefed topsails at brig in sight steering E.S.E. Bar 30 $\frac{2}{10}$ No Obs

Wednesday December 24

First part strong N.E. wind steering S.E. by E later part fresh S.W. winds steering E.S.E. under single reefed topsails and gallsails over the
Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$ Lat 39:18 S Long 52 30 E

Thursday December 25

Moderate S.E. winds steering E.S.E. with all sail out. Employed at stowing our after hold over and putting fresh helps on the meat that we took.
Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$ Lat 38 40 Long 56 30

Private Journal of Benja. Clough Master of Ship

Friday December 26th 1851

Commences with light westerly winds steering E. S. E.
middle calm later part light winds from the E. N. E.
heading S. E. by E. Employed at fixing the upper run
Bar 30 $\frac{4}{15}$ Lat. 33 48 South Long. 58 00 East.

Saturday December 27

Light S. E. winds steering S. E. by E under topsails
Saw at Ship of the Harbours beam
Thick fog with rain later part B 30

Sunday December 28

First and middle part light Northerly winds with
fog later part wind to the Southward hawing
hauled suddenly B 30

Monday December 29

Strong S. W. winds steering E. S. E. with all sail
out saw an American merchantman steering East
first and middle part fog Employed at scrubbing
of the poop deck Bar 30 $\frac{4}{15}$ Lat. 33 40 Long. 61 00

Tuesday December 30

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the
wind to the N. E. until daylight when we heeled
to the Southward at six P. M. backed to the East
later part thick fog
Bar 30 $\frac{4}{15}$ Lat. 37:50 Long. 69 00

Wednesday December 31

First part calm with fog middle part
light southerly winds steering
Later part moderate N. E. winds
steering E. S. E. wind increasing
Lat 30 00 S Long 70 44 E

Arrival of Furhaven bound to the Arctic Ocean

Thursday January 1st 1852

First and middle part light Northerly winds with
fog steering E. S. E. Latter part light westerly
winds and clear steering E. by N. for the Island
of Amsterdam. Dist One hundred miles
Bar 30.5 Lat 38.06 Long 14.40 East

Friday January 2nd

Strong westerly winds steering E. by S. at day
light saw the Island of Amsterdam to S.W.
Subbet too and beat up to it and spike
the Bark Manuel Ortiz. Cole Martin six months
out twenty five bbls of whale oil she had her
boats in a fishing Lat 37.41 Long by Chron
17.10 E.

Saturday January 3

Laying off and on the Island of Amsterdam
three boats went a fishing caught three bbls of fish
and four bbls of Crayfish Very windy ship
under close reefed topails

Sunday January 4

Moderate N.W. winds laying off and on Amsterdam
sent three boats on shore a fishing and caught
about Eleven bbls of Fish and salted twelve
bbls of those we got yesterday and to day
at six P.M. took up the boats and kept her
off E. S. E. Lat 37.48 and made the Longitude
by my Chron 17.12 being twenty miles to the
westward of the Ship and altered my rate
from one second and two tenths to two seconds
a day

Private Journal of Benj^r. Clough Master of

Monday January 5th 1859
Strong westerly winds steering E. S. E. under
double reefed topsails Bar 29.10
Lat 38 00 Long 91 00 East

Tuesday January 6th
Strong westerly winds steering E. by S. under all
sail Bar 30. Lat 37 30 Long 95 30

Wednesday January 7th
First part light Southerly wind steering E. by S
middle and latter part calm Bar 30.48
Lat 36 55 Long 99 15

Thursday January 8th
Moderate northerly winds steering E by N & N
with all sail out Bar 30.75
Lat 35 50 Long 91 00

Friday January 9th
Light winds from N. W. to S. E. steering N. E.
under all sail weather rather foggy and
misty Bar 30.5 Lat 34 00 Long 95 00 E

Saturday January 10th
Light S. W. winds steering N. E. by E under all
sail Employed at coopersing our masts between
decks Saw a plenty of porpoises & C
Bar 30 50 Lat 32 40 Long 96 40

Sunday January 11th
Moderate S. W. winds steering N. E. by E
under all sail Nothing in sight
Bar 30 5 Lat 31 00 Long 98 00

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven bound to the West

Monday January 12th 1852
Strong S E trades steering N E with top
all hauled out Bar 30
Lat 28:25 South Long 101:00 East
sent up our cutting pencils

Tuesday January 13
Strong S E. trades steering N E under topsails
rough sea and cloudy weather Bar 30 $\frac{00}{50}$
Lat 26:00 Long 103:00

Wednesday January 14
Strong S E trades steering N E under topsails
Nothing in sight Bar 29 $\frac{70}{50}$
Lat 22:55 Long 105:20 East

Thursday January 15
Moderate S E Trades steering N E by N
sent up the main top gallant studding boom and
set the sails Bar 30 $\frac{70}{50}$
Lat 19:55 Long 107:00

Friday January 16
Moderate S W winds steering North East with
all sail out broke out for Coffee Butter
and flour Lat 18:21 Long 108:10 Bar 30

Saturday January 17
Light S W winds steering North East
under all sail. Broke out for bread
Lat 17:00 Long 109:50 Bar 29 $\frac{70}{50}$

Sunday January 18
Moderate Southerly winds steering North East
under all sail Nothing in sight
Bar 29 $\frac{70}{50}$ Lat 15:10 South Long 111:30
Saw a sail at one o'clock last night

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Monday January 19th 1852

Strong SW winds with squalls at day light took
in the studding sails and Fore and Mizzen topgall
unt sails at noon saw a bark standing by the
wind to the southward, and I suppose that
she came from the straits of Bally
Bar 29.5 Lat 12 40 South Long 117 00 East

Tuesday January 20

Strong SW gales steering E N E under double
reef topsails heaving signals and frequent
Lat 10:50 N Long 117 Bar 29.7

Wednesday January 21

Strong SW gales steering E N E under
double reef topsails at ten last night
came to under a close reefed main topsail
at five a.m. kept her off E N E under
close reefed topsails and foresail
at one P.M. made sandalwood Island
to the N.E. at three P.M. passed a bark
steering to the E. N. E. at dark the East
end of Sandalwood Island bearing North
Ship under double reefed topsails and foresail
heaving N.E. by E wind West N. West
Lat 10 30 Long 120 Bar 29.7 rising at dark

Thursday January 22

Strong NW winds steering N.E. by E under
topsails saw the Islands of Flores at dark
came to anchor with the main yard aback
Lat 9:00 Long 120:00 Bar 30

Niagara of Fairhaven Bound to the Arctic ocean

Friday January 23rd 1850

First part strong S.W. wind all daylight made sail and kept her off N.E. by through the straits of Timor at four P.M. passed through the straits of Timor at dusk steering N by west by the wind dark air squally. Saw Sulphur-baker.

Lat. 21° 25' South Long 125° 00' Bar 29.8.

Saturday January 24

Moderate westerly winds with heavy squalls steering N. by W. and North.

Lat 6:30 Long 125° 13' Bar 30

Sunday January 25

Moderate general winds from the westward with heavy squalls of wind and rain at four P.M. saw the Island of Buru bearing N.W. E. fine beautiful weather between the squalls. Why was I destined to pass the prime and perhaps the best of my life on the bosom of the faithless ocean I who hate it so much, I who so much like to pass my time on shore with the loved portion of Heaven's blessings bestowed on man for a man is a disposition to be easily satisfied. I have been to see very enough I have seen the Elephant and am fully satisfied.

How much I long for a pleasant home on shore with the chosen one of my heart for a companion to brighten the gloom of life cheerless, dull to rejoice when I do and weep when I do long is the days months years since I have shed either tears of sorrow or regret excepting once when parting with a friend near and dear to my heart but the secret whisperings of Hope are bright.

Lat 4:40 Long 126° 00' Bar 30.00

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Monday January 26th 1852

Light variable winds and calms with heavy squalls of rain working to the Northward saw a sail steering to the Northward Bar in sight bearing from North to East at six P.M. caught a green turtle
Lat 4:00 S Long 126° 8' Bar 29^{to}

Tuesday January 27th

First part light variable winds middle part strong southerly winds with rain later part light westerly winds steering S N E and N E to get around the Island of Baro at sunset in Pitt's passage Baro one on side and Hula Bessey on the other
Bar 30⁰⁰ Lat 2:50 S Long 126° 10' East

Wednesday January 28

light S W winds steering N E by E and E N E to get through Pitt's Passage saw a bark steering to the S.W. employed at blacking the Cross work Bar 30⁰⁰
Lat 2:30 South Long 127° 00' E

Thursday January 29

Light variable winds steering N E The Island of Oby Major in sight to the N. E. at four P.M. saw a bark ahead Bar 30⁰⁰

Friday January 30

Fresh breeze from the westward steering N E by N passed Gilolo south point and Sekiderry Bepik and several other Islands saw a bark steering to the S W E
Saw the Schooner Minnow of Bessers re-hundred and thirty days out bound to Amoy Lat 1:20 S Long 128°
Bar 30⁰⁰

Ship "Meyowen" of Fairhaven bound to the Arctic sea

Saturday January 31st 1852.

Light variable winds steering to the NW & the Meade Islands in sight Gillelo and Gebu I went on board of the ~~Ship~~ Schooner "Meyowen" and spent the day Bar 30.00
Lat 00:29 South Long 129 East

Sunday February 1.

Light westerly winds steering NW & at noon in the Gillelo passage between Gillelo and Gebu at one P.M. two canoes came off from Gillelo with Cocoa nuts, Pine apples, Nutmegs &c. Gave them a piece of blue cloth for the lot. A bark and schooner in sight, hauled for blackfish but did not get any.
Lat 00:10 North Long 128.50 Bar 29.00 and falling

Monday February 2

First part light SW. winds Mitchell and later part strong SW. winds with rain. At six P.M. saw the St. John Islands to the S & and I intend to stop there tomorrow and get some Turtle. A bark and schooner in sight. At 10 by steam Lat 1 00 N by 132 E

Tuesday February 3.

Moderate westerly winds with squalls of rain sent three boats ashore on the two Islands got ten Turtle and came off at sunset

Wednesday Feb 4

Moderate westerly winds with heavy squalls of rain three boats a furthering got eighteen and came off at sunset and left the ship East

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Asia Islands

lie in the Lat of North and Long East three in number the largest lying to the Northeast the next in size about one mile to the south west and the smallest half a mile to the SW of that there is a reef extends around them a mile distant in some places in others not more than a sixteenth of a mile and it is nearly dry at low water between the Islands the are densely wooded and very low not more than twenty feet above the level of the ocean the only animals are a monkey and lizards some of the lizards being four feet long, the birds are a black partridge pigeons, a few Eagles Parrots and some smaller birds. The Islands are a great resort for Green Turtle at all times of the year and can be caught in any quantities inside of the reef at low water on the N.W. side of the Islands. They also come up to lay in the sand in the night the sand beach extends around all of the Islands the best landing place is on the S.E. end of the middle Island there being a small bend in the reef to break off the swell and a small passage cut in the coral by the natives of New Guinea who come over here to catch Turtle and smoke it to carry home with them they seem be very harmless and peaceable. There is a pool of Fresh water on the S.W. end of the middle Island about an eighth of a mile in the woods with a path leading to

of Ship Niagara of Fairhaven for Arctic ocean

Thursday February 5th 1850

Light Northerly winds steering E N E
with all sail out

Lat 1:00 North Long 139 10 E

Friday February 6

Light Northerly winds steering N E by E with all
sail out. Painted the Starboard and waist boats
and put three streaks into the starboard boat
where I got her stove at the Stora Islands

Bar 30 Lat 1:00 North Long 139 06 East

Saturday February 7

Light variable winds steering N E with only
sail out. Middle part squally from the S W
Later part calm Bar 30

Lat 1:20 North Long 134:50 East

Sunday February 8

Light variable winds and calms steering to the
Eastward Lat 2 00 North Long 135 00

Monday February 9

Moderate Northerly winds steering E by N with
all sail out. Employed at making spungum

Bar 29.6 Lat 2:05 Long 136.00

Tuesday February 10

Light Northerly winds steering E by N with all sail
out. Employed at making spungum

Lat 2:10 Long 137 50

Wednesday February 11

Light Northerly winds steering by the wind to the
Eastward. Painted the starboard and Bow boats
black Bar 29.6 Lat 2:00 Long 139 50

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Thursday February 12th 1852
Moderate Northerly winds with frequent squalls
of rain steering by the wind to the Eastward
under all sail Bar 29.5 Lat 2:10 N Long 141 W

Friday February 13th
Moderate winds from the North to West steering E N E
and N E with all sail out Bar 29.5
Lat 2:40 North Long 142 50

Saturday February 14th
Light winds from W. to S. steering N E and N. by E.
under all sail Employed at setting up the fore and
aft stays Bar 29.5 Lat 3:40 North Long 144 East

Sunday February 15th
Moderate winds from South to East steering N E by N
and by wind N. by E. with all sail out at three
P. M. passed broken water and looked like a
coral bank, but a plenty of water on it
as we passed directly over the center of it
Bar 29.5 Lat 5:45 N Long 145 22

Monday February 16th
First part strong Easterly winds steering by the wind to
Northward middle part wind S. W. with a heavy squall
later part light Easterly winds at ten A. M. saw the
Islands of Plecto seven small Islands and I should
think the largest had not more than two or three acres
of land in it but covered with coconut trees
three comers came off but had nothing to brack except
a few shells. They were entirely naked except a
strip of cloth about two inches wide and a girdle
and some good models for a Venus
Cyren; carbowry you get the Quadro tenno;
at two P. M. saw the Island of Olimerow bearing
off and ran off towards it but did not get

of Ship Niagara of Fourkoreis bound to the Arctic
near enough for the mires to come off. sent
at dark light the ship North with the wind
East Ship twenty miles to the East of the
Chro by the Sound Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$
Lat 7:40 North Long 146 00 East

Tuesday February 17
Moderate Easterly winds steering North with all sail
out sent down the mainsail and middle stich
it Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$ Lat 9:10 North Long 146 10 East

Wednesday February 18
Moderate Easterly winds steering N. by W. with all
sail out, middle stiched the Mizzen Top sail
Bar 29 $\frac{6}{10}$ Lat 11:57 North Long 145 20

Thursday Feb 19
Light S & winds steering N by W until midnight
when we lifted too with the mainsail aboard
at daylight saw the land Guern to the N W
and light the ship off for it at four P M
I went on shore at the Town and get half
a ton of Sweet Potatoes and half a ton of Yams
I gave one cent a pound for Potatoes and a cent
and a half for Yams, Saw the Capt of the Sally
atn of New Bedford she being at anchor
She reports the loss of Eleven American ships
and three French ships in the Northern Ocean
last season and reports the ship as having
done nothing last season four or five whalers
being an average The Cornelius Howland
of New Bedford left to day
The Captain of the Port reports recently five ships
going to Hong Kong
Sound the Chro right

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Friday February 20th 1850
Strong Southerly winds at nine last night
kept the ship North for the Benin Islands
middle stretched the Jib & Mizen topgallant sail
Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$ Lat 15:16 North Long 144:30 East

Saturday Feb 21
Light winds from west to NE steering North and
by the wind at dark took to the N.N.W.
Employed at starting coal out of Casks into
a bin. Saw several of the Mariana Islands to
the Eastward Lat 17:45 Long 145 or

Sunday Feb 22
Strong NE trades steering by the wind to the
N.N.W. under all sail
Lat 18:47 Long 144:47 East

Monday Feb 23
Strong NE trades steering by the wind to the N.W.
Employed at making mizelsticking the Fore topsail
Bar 30:06 Lat 20:35 Long 142 30

Tuesday Feb 24
Strong NE trades steering by the wind to the
N.N.W. under double reefed topsails mizelsticked
the Fore and main topgallant sail
Bar 30 $\frac{5}{10}$ Lat 22:21 North Long 141 30

Wednesday Feb 25
Light Easterly winds steering N by E
with all sail out mizelsticked the
Foresail at daylight saw St Augustine
the south Island of the Volcano group
to the N.W. rising like a sugar loaf out
of the water Bar 30 $\frac{5}{10}$
Lat 24:21 Long 141:37 

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven bound to the Arctic ocean

Thursday February 26th 1852

Moderate Northerly winds steering by the wind to the
Eastward untill four P.M. when we tacked to the
N.W. Middlesticked the mainsail and spunkier,
and bent a storm Mizzen Bar 30^{to}

Lat 24:45 North Long 143 10 East

Friday February 27

Light winds from the East to south steering N by W
and N.N.W. with all sail out Employed at setting
Two of the men got a fighting locked their
left hands together and gave them a piece of
rope apiece and let them fly together untill
they were satisfied Bar 30^{to}

Lat 26:23 Long 142 50

Saturday February 28

Moderate Southerly winds steering N.N.W. at seven
A.M. spoke the mountains of New Bedford Capt Tucker
he says he was into ~~Guam~~ the Bonin Islands
yesterday and that there is nothing to be got but
a few half grown Onions At two P.M. I tacked
ship to go back to Guam as I cannot think of
going to the North without any vegetables

Lat 23 00 Long 142:10

Sunday February 29

Fresh S.W. winds steering by the wind to the S.S.E.
under all sail at four P.M. the wind hauled
to the West at dark wind North Course S by
Bar 30 Lat 25 47 Long 143:40

Monday January

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Monday March 1st 1859

Light Northerly winds steering S. by E. under all sail
Employed at Coopering Bread and Flour and setting
up stocks Bar 30⁰⁰ Lat 23:27 North Long 144° 11" East

Tuesday March 2nd 1859

Strong Northerly winds steering S by E with all
sail out Employed at Coopering Bread and Flour
Saw two Islands one in the Lat 20 25 Long 145 00
the other in Lat 20 00 Long 145 20
Bar 30 ¹⁴/₁₆ Lat 20:37 North Long 144 30

Wednesday March 3

Strong N.E. Breeze steering South with all
sail out untill four P.M. when we took in
the upjacks Lat 16:50 Long 144 11

Thursday March 4

Strong Easterly winds steering S by E at daylight
made the Island of Oahu at ten A.M. landed
with my boat but could not get any
Vegetables at Olohuia wh. kept off for Guam
at eight P.M. Lat got the anchor at Amatae
Bay found the climates of Newlandia at anchor.

Friday March 5

At anchor at Amatae bay got off
four hundred bls of water.

Saturday March 6

Ship Niagara of Fair Haven bound to the Arctic Ocean
March 14 1852

Guam

When a Ship is bound into Guam, it is best
for her to go down to Amaloe bay; and get water
first, as there is no water to be got at in the harbour
himself, and men work much better before they
get their liberty than they do before.

The lat of the harbour is 13° 24' South and Long 144° 57'
and is formed by a bay with an Island and
reef across the mouth of it and seems to be
a very safe harbour in the trade but rather
open in South West gale. The town lies
about nine miles from the harbour which
makes it very bad about getting vegetables
down to ship. Vegetables are very dear
Guano thirty dollars or ten cove sh and Sweet
Potatoes \$20 per ton

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Niagara bound to the Arctic Ocean

Monday March 15th 1852

Light N E breeze steering at two P M took our anchor in the harbour of Port Appra Green and went to sea hauling all haws on board and shipping two Netlines making thirty four in all at sunset anchor stowed and chains below

Tuesday March 16th 1852

Moderate N E breeze steering by the wind to the Northward under topsails

Lat 15:50 Long 143 30

Wednesday March 17

Fresh N E Breeze steering by the wind to the N.W. under topsails Carpenters Employed at making racks for Potatoes Lat 18:43 North Long 142:00

Thursday March 18

Light variable winds steering by the wind to the N.W. and N.E. Employed at drying vegetables & C Lat 20:20 Long 142 15

Friday March 19

Strong Wind from N.W. to N.E. steering by the wind to the Eastward untill eight A.M. when we tacked to the N.W. Ship under double reefed topsails Bar 29 7/8 Lat 21 00 Long 143 00

Saturday March 20th

First part strong N E winds middle part calm Later part strong N.W. winds at sunset under double reefed topsails with squalls of wind and rain Lat 21:50 Long 141 40 Bar 30 00

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Sunday March 21st 1859

Strong Northerly winds steering by the wind
to the Eastward untill Eleven AM when we
thereof to the N.W. shot under double reefed
topsails Bar 30 $\frac{3}{8}$ Lat 22 15 Long 142 40

Monday March 22

Moderate gales from N.E. to S.W. steering by the
wind and North at four PM huffed the South
woforno Reform and then kept her N.W.
Saw a flock of humpbacks
Made the Island in the long 141 45
Lat 24 14

Tuesday March 23

Fresh westerly gales steering N.N.E. under double
reefed topsails Lat 26 28 Long 143 00 Bar 29 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wednesday March 24

Strong westerly gales steering N.W. under close
reefed topsails and reefed courses at seven huffed
too under a close reefed main topsails and foretopmast
staysail Bar 29 $\frac{3}{8}$ Lat 28 40 Long 144 39

Thursday March 25

Fresh N.W. wind faying under short sail untill
Eight AM when we made double reefed
topsails and courses Bar 30
Lat 28 50 Long 145 38

Friday March 26

First part Breeze N.W. heaving by the wind N.W.
middle part calm latter part light southerly
winds steering North Bar 30 $\frac{3}{8}$ Lat 30 00 Long 146 28

Ship Margaret of Burhaven bound to the Arctic

Saturday March 27

First part Fresh southerly winds steering North under
best moderate N.W. wind steering by the wind to the
N.E. later part the same Breeze but 33 09 Long 146 28

Sunday March 28

First part calm later part moderate Southerly
winds steering North. Saw a large ship
standing to the S.W. & N.E.

Monday March 29

First part light southerly winds and rain
middle and later part a westerly gale laying too
under a close reef main-chest two sails in
sight N.E.

Tuesday March 30

A strong westerly gale laying too under short sail
Saw the Sailing ship of Stockholm with her consort
Mignonette gallant mast down Lat 36 14 Long 150 15
and a boat over the stern

Wednesday March 31

Commences with a strong N.W. gale laying too
under short sail at two P.M. wind hauls to the
N.E. tacked ship and made double reefed
top-sails and courses. Spoke the ship Sailing ship
of N.B. Andrews nothing this season
Lat 36 40 North Long 150 55 E.

Thursday March 1

Commences with light N.E. wind steering by the
wind to the N.W. later part wind later part wind
N.E. heading North
Lat 38 05 Long 150 00

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Friday April 2th 1852

Light winds from East to South steering North
under all sail Employed at making a blubber
room Lat 40:30 N Long 150 48

Saturday April 3th

Moderate southerly winds steering North until
four P.M. when we kept her N.E. by North

Got the store up in the Cabin

Lat 42:40 North Long 150 40

Sunday April 4th

Fresh southerly winds steering N.E. by North
under double reefed topsails Thick fog

Lat 44:40 Long 150 20

Monday April 5th

First part calm Middle a snow storm
later part strong N.W. winds laying under
short sail Lat 46:00 Long 150 00

Tuesday April 6th

Strong Northerly winds steering by the wind to
the Eastward Very cold Ice working on deck
all day Lat 46:40 Long 150 00

Wednesday April 7th

Strong Northerly winds steering by the wind to the
E. N.E. under double reefed topsails Bar 30.0

Lat 46:30 N Long 150 40 East

Thursday April 8th

First part light westerly winds steering
N.N.E. under all sail later part or
gale laying too under storm sails

Lat 47:30 Long 161 00

Morgano of Fair Haven bound to the Arctic Ocean

Friday April 9th 1850

First part a gale from the westward. Laying under short sail. Middle part calm. Later part strong westerly wind, steering North. Saw one birch Lat 49° 00' Long 162° 30'.

Saturday April 10th

First part strong N.W.W. wind steering N.E. & W. Saw a sail to the Northward middle part a westerly gale. Latter part N.E. wind and snow squalls ship heading N.W.W. Lat 51° 30' Long 162° 10'

Sunday April 11th

Moderate westerly wind steering by the wind to N.W. at ten A.M. saw a Right whaler the boat went on and struck the first rising to the starboard boat he then sounded and took out one line. When he came up the Mast boat got fast and killed him and I started to come on board. As the mate commenced to cut the hole he sank and they were obliged to cut. At two P.M. saw the land in Lat 59° 30' and also ice to the westward.

Monday April 12

First part calm. Latter part fresh S.W. wind steering N.W. & W. Land in sight to the Westward. Saw a plenty of Ice at sunset. Lat 53° 00' Long 161° 17' East.

Tuesday April 13

Strong winds from the S.W. lay too last night. Left her North this morning. Saw a plenty of Ice at noon of Cape Chrenotskoi. Lat 54° 30' Long 162° 30'

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Wednesday April 14th 1850

First part calm, later part a gale from the South, sailing too in the night, and kept off N.E. at daylight, ran through ice about four hours, but got clear of it by running to the S.E. and kept off N.E. again at two P.M. buff. to the wind with a plenty of ice to the North
Lat 55.00 North Long 168.30 East

Thursday April 15th

First part a light gale from the southward sailing under short sail surrounded by ice middle part calm later part light southerly wind steering E.N.E. at eleven A.M. saw at sea to the E.N.E. No lbs

Friday April 16th

Fresh southerly steering E.N.E. until ten last night when we shifted to the wind at daylight kept her N.E. Lat 56.150 North Long 166 10

Saturday April 17th

Fresh southerly wind steering E.N.E. under double reefed topsails. Thick fog No Obs 57 10 Long 170 or

Sunday April 18th

Strong S.E. gale sailing too under short sail
Lat 58 14 North 170 or

Monday April 19th

A heavy N.E. gale sailing too under or close reefed main and fore topsails steering to the N.E. the three ice boats burnt up and is expected to lose two of them before morning
Ice making all around the ship
No Obs Lat 58 10 Long 170 or

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven bound to the Arctic

Tuesday April 20th 1859

A heavy S.W. gale blowing too under short sail
beginning N.W.W. at one o'clock last night lost
the bow boat at three stone the waist boat
but saved every thing out of her the foremast
waist boat don't bent down on to the rail
took in the pieces of the waist boat but she
was so stored as to be fit for nothing but
fire wood at ten o'clock in the forenoon
were shot to the S.E. when we were shot she
went on so much thatt the decks nearly
filled with water, at sunset blowing
heavy and snowing the barometer down
to 28.75 Sat 58.18 Sun 170.20

Wednesday April 21

A strong gale from S.W. laying under
a close reefed main topsail and foretopmast
staysail the decks full of ice and ryeing
all coarces, later part more moderate and the
barometer on the rise at sunset 29.75

Sat 58.14 Sun 170

Thursday April 22

First part S.W. gale later part more moderate
Employed at repairing our boat gear and mending
the starboard boat and getting two new
boats ready for whaling ship on both took
as the wind foretold us to go East

Sat 58.14 Sun 169.00 East Bar 29.75

Friday April 23

A heavy snow storm last night at seven o'clock
A gale from the N.W. steering East
Later part light Easterly winds steering
by the wind to the N.W. at sunset
complex double reefed topsails and courses
Sat 58.20 Sun 169.41 Bar 30.75

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Saturday April 24th 1852

Snow calms bore a gale of wind from the
East com. different tacks at sunset under a
close reefed main-sail and Fore-mast-sail
got out a new boat No Obs Bar 29.6

58 20 168 00

Sunday April 25th

Strong easterly gale. Laying under a close reefed
main-sail. Split the Fore-mast-sail last
night No Obs Bar 29.8

58 10 168 30

Monday April 26th

Best part a strong easterly gale. Later part
moderate N.E. wind with a heavy swell

Lat 57 58 Long 168 30

Tuesday April 27th

Light easterly wind steering by the wind to
the N.E. with all sail out

Lat 58 00 Long 170 00 Bar 30

Wednesday April 28th

Light S.E. wind first part steering by the
wind to the S.E. Later part wind
south steering North with all sail out
fine weather and no swell

Lat 58 30 North Long 174 57 East
Bar 30.5

Thursday April 29th

Light westerly wind steering North at ten
A.M. spoke the Tenebras of New London
Middleton eleven and sold him a Keg of beef
for 23 bushels of potatoes at Two P.M. spoke
the Cornelius Howland of New Bedford making this
season three more sails in sight

Saw some Ice

Lat 60 40

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven in Lamolette's sea

Friday April 30th

Light N. by E wind steering along the ice to the Eastward in company with the Cornelius Howland three more ships in sight Lat 60.40 Long 176.51

Saturday April May 1.

Light S.W. winds steering to the E.S.E. along the ice in company with the Cornelius Howland at six P.M. ice from North to South and we tacked to the N.W. by and I am going to the S.W. to look for whales
Lat 60.24 Long 180.15

Sunday April May 2

Light variable winds from North to East steering along the ice to the S.W. a heavy snow storm last night Cornelius Howland in company Lat 59.16 Long 178.38

Monday May 3

A fresh N.E. gale steering S.W. by compass under double reefed topsails Cornelius Howland in company at six P.M. came too under a close reefed main topsail and fore topmast staysail
By account Lat 58.26 Long 178.30 Dec 29 ⁵/₁₆

Tuesday May 4

Strong N.E. wind steering by the wind and S.W. under short sail at nine A.M. saw two Right whales and lowered for them but did not get fast to rough to whale it
Cornelius Howland in company
By account Lat 58.00 Long 178

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Thomas Master of

Wednesday May 5th 1852

Moderate S.W. wind lay too last night and kept her off N.S.W. this morning at ten A.M. saw a Right whale going quick to the N.E. Cornelius Howland in company at six P.M. saw a ship standing to the eastward Lat 57:00 Long 171:00 Bar 29.2

Thursday May 6th

Slight Easterly winds steering to the N.W. with the Cornelius Howland spoke the Marco and Louise of New Bedford Lat 57:50 Long 169:00 Bar 29.2

Friday May 7

Slight variable winds and calm steering to the westward at Eleven A.M. spoke the Emerald of Sog Harbor nothing this season at four P.M. saw a boat and lowered for him but could not get on 167:00
Twenty ships in sight Lat 57:49 Long ~~167~~ 167:00

Saturday May 8

Strong N.W. winds with snow squalls heaving to the S.W. under double reefed topsails at eight P.M. spoke the Brooklyn of New Bedford with a whale along side and towing the Georg and Mary in company with him Saw twenty two ships

Sunday May 9

Moderate S.W. wind steering by the wind. Saw the land to the west Cape Cod. Several fer Boats without success Saw fire saw the ship Ocean of Providence two whales Columbus of Antucket one whale and Mastagone of New Bedford nothing this season
Lat 57:40 Long 169:40

Ship Niagara of Burhaven in the Longhorn sea

Monday May 10th 1859
Light Northerly winds, steering by the wind to the westward, at ten A.M. saw a whale, lowered and struck to the waist boat, and killed it with the Irons. At one P.M. took him along side; at three commenced cutting, at nine finished. Several shots in sight cutting and boring. Mount ozone bearing west thirty miles Lat 57 30

Tuesday May 11th
Strong westerly under easy sail working lower for whales, without success

Wednesday May 12th
Light westerly winds under easy sail boring ship homely in to the ice strike the Gar-Touch of New Bedford 900 of Sprin two whales Mrs. Scaven and Alexander Coffin of New Bedford one whale and 111 passed the Russell of San Francisco

Thursday May 13th
Light westerly winds at season. At noon saw whales lowered and struck to the bow boat the whale came up under the boat and exposed her and they were obliged to cut struck the whale along side of the ice three shots in sight Employed at boring Lat 56 34

Friday May 14th
Light westerly winds cruising along side of the ice at six A.M. lowered for whales without success. Stowed down 150 lbs of oil three shots in sight Lat 56 41

Saturday May 15th
Light winds and calm saw one whale went on to the starboard boat and raised. Saw the ~~Antilla~~ of New Bedford get a whale

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Sunday May 16th 1850

Light westerly winds steering by the wind to the Northward along the Island saw a Shet. to the East steering to the Northward. saw no whales

Lat 58 30 Long 165 30 W

Monday May 17 1850

Light winds from the Westward steering by the wind to the Northward untill seven at the when we were in the gulph in the Long 166 we then looked ship and came out and steered to the Eastward at three P.M. made the ice and ran to the southward to clear it. no ice in the Long 166:15 as I went to the land

Lat 59 50

Tuesday May 18

Light N.W. winds and calms steering to the S.E. Saw the ice to the N.E. at seven saw Whales a cow and calf leaved but galled trying to go on with cow saw two sails

Lat 59 26 Long 167 00 W

Wednesday May 19

Light Northerly winds steering to the S.W. spoke the St George of New Bedford 4000 by two whales this season quite a number of Shet in sight working to the S.W. Lat 58 58

Thursday May 20

Light Northerly winds steering to the S.W. Later part calm three sails in sight

Lat 58 14 Long 165 00

Friday May 21

Light Easterly wind steering to the S.W. Spoke the Olynthion Commander Chesebrough a Salver In Jan

The Niagara of Fairhaven in Foulweather Sea

Saturday May 22

Light southerly winds at nine at m. saw whals
and chased all day but could not get lost
ten ships in sight Lat 57 40



Sunday May 23

Light Easterly winds and calms laying in
the ice saw six whals. lowered and struck
to the starboard boat killed with the guns
they being on his back over his vest
got the boat slightly stove and the whale
took the line but got fast with the second
boat, and he sunk about twenty fathoms and
the boat held him we ran down with the ship
and took the line on board and parted it, the
boat then sank 200 fathoms of line with a boat
in the center of it and caught the whale
by the flukes, and the line parted from the
boat that was holding him up at the same
time but the line held on to his flukes
and we hauled him up. at four P.M.
got the chain on at 5 1/2 commenced cutting
at 9 1/2 finished N.B.

Monday May 24

Commenced with strong Easterly gale. Employed
at boiling at sunset a gale from the N.W.
steering by the wind to the Eastward under three
close reefed topsails and reeb'd foremast
Saw six seals. Ice to the westward

Lat 56 50

Tuesday May 25

strong Easterly gale steering by the wind to
the S.W. under close reefed topsails at five P.M.
ward hauls N.W. more ships to the West
saw a large ship steering to S.S.W.
she showed a blue signal with G.W. and

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Wednesday May 26th 1859

Commenced with moderate Easterly winds
and ends with a calm saw one whale
spoke the Splendid of Cold Spring nothing this
season. Cape Horn visible in sight to the S.W.
Employed at boiling Lat 56° 30'

Thursday May 27

Light S.W. winds saw three whales in the Sea
could not get on saw a ship steering to
the N.E.

Friday May 28

Strong Easterly winds to the southward slowed
down our oil 100 lbs. spoke the Abner Barker
two whales.

Saturday May 29

Fresh N.E. winds steering to the westward
spoke the Charles Carroll and Venice of New London
nothing this season.

Sunday May 30th

Light winds and fog. Laying under short sail
saw two sails N.E. Co's

Monday May 31

Light winds and calms went to the westward
four miles distant spoke the Chs Carroll of
New London.

Tuesday June 1

Light Windy from the S.W. steering N.E.
saw two backs and hump backs
saw several ships steering to the N.E.
saw bearing west dist 80 miles
Lat 56° 40'

of Ship's Voyages of Four hours in Pomskett's sea

Monday June 2nd 1850

Light winds from the southeast
steering to the Northward at six A.M. saw
a whale struck to the starboard boat and
drew the Iron spoke to Black Warehouse of
Newfound nothing this season saw the
Stormy Barker boiling his third whale
at three P.M. saw whale and struck to
the west boat and killed to the
at four P.M. took him to the ship
at five commenced cutting at nine
finished Lat 57:40

Tuesday June 3

Light southerly winds and thick fog at eight
A.M. commenced boiling

Wednesday June 4

Fresh S.W. winds with fog and rain laying
under short sail boiling

Thursday June 5

Commences with southerly winds with fog
at ten o'clock last night finished boiling
middle part wind to the westward and foggy
later part the same Lat 58 13

Friday June 6

Light southerly winds and fog
spoke the Thomas & Co nothing this
season 350 of Sperm spoke the Fenice
one whale saw the ice to the Westward
stowed down our oil one hundred
lbs Lat 57 43

Private Journal of Benj: Bright Master

Monday June 7th 1850

Light northerly winds and fog lay too close
night and this morning left her off East
spoke the Thomas Age bound off Bright Main
at eight P.M. saw ~~the~~ a bowhead and eight
whale lowered without success

Tuesday June 8th

Light northerly winds steering East two
sails in sight at noon ran into
blue water Lat 57 10 Long 153 foggy

Wednesday June 9

Fresh northerly winds with fog and strong
easterly swell steering East
Water very blue saw a ship steering
to the southward Lat 56 50 Long 168 E

Thursday June 10

Fresh northerly winds steering by the wind to the
Eastward with all sail out, Water very blue
Saw several Finbacks going to the N.E. quick
Heavy N.E. swell Lat 56 50 Long 171 30

Friday June 11

First and middle part light northerly winds
steering by the wind to the eastward
Water very blue and a heavy N.E. swell
saw several finbacks going to the N.E.
strong southerly current Lat 56 40 Long 174 E

Saturday June 12

First part calm middle and later part first
breezes from the southward steering N.E.
thick and rising water blue and low
birds Lat 57 20 Long

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven in the Forenoon

Sunday June 13

Fresh southerly wind steering to the N.E. in or
by Water. Blue but a plenty of Whale birds
Lat 58 30 Long 175 00 West

Monday June 14

Moderate southerly wind steering to the
N.E. at noon A.M. saw St Mathews Island
N.E. three miles distant
Spoke the North Star nothing this season and
Brighten nothing this season and Liverpool
one whale Lat 60 20 Long 173 30 W.

Tuesday June 15

strong southerly west winds under easy sail
of the Island ten miles to the N.W. of the
land beyond thick water sounded fairly bottom
Saw a plenty of ice to the N.W. of the Island
saw two very bright spots on each side of
the sun Commonly called sundays
Lat 60 37 Long 173 40 West

Wednesday June 16

Moderate westerly wind beating up along the bay
to the westward St Mathews Island in sight
to the East spoke the Ontario of S. H. nothing
this season spoke the William Hamilton N.E.B.
nothing season. Saw more seal in sight
Lat 60 30 Long 174 30 W. water thick
bottom muddy

Thursday June 17

Fresh southerly wind steering by the wind
to the westward thick fog. Saw a plenty of
Dicks going to the N.W. passed a large ship
going to the Eastward with a yawl boat
over the stern later part got into blue water
Lat 60 30 Long 177 00 East

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Hough Master of Ship

Friday June 18th 1852

First part moderate S.W. winds steering to the N.W. at six A.M. saw two seals going to the Eastward at seven A.M. saw the ice run into a bay and hauled the main yard aback. Middle part calm about thick fog. Heard a plenty of Whales spouting in the fog. Several and dark to the West boat. Found myself a good chance. Set by account 61 say 180.

Saturday June 19th 1852
Moderate N.W. wind with rain and fog at nine last night struck a whale to the starboard boat killed him with the Iron at midnight took him along side at two commenced cutting at seven finished. At four P.M. lowered for whales struck to the starboard boat and killed with the Iron took him along side at seven P.M. commenced cutting. Set 61 say 180.

Sunday June 20th 1852
Light Northerly wind with thick fog. Ship up to the ice finished cutting at midnight and commenced boiling at five P.M. lowered and struck a whale to the West boat killed with the Iron with six P.M. took him to the ship three seals in sight. Set 61 say 180.

Monday June 21

Light Northerly wind and fog employed at boiling but in one whale.

Niagara of Fair Haven in the Lanchester sea

Tuesday June 22

Light Northerly winds and fog with small ice two seals in sight and a boiling.

Employed at boiling caught a seal
No Obs since the 14th

Wednesday June 23

Employed at boiling stowed down 150 bl of oil
Spoke the member four whales
Set 6110

Thursday June 24

Light winds and fog Employed at boiling
at noon at 12 the fog cleared some small
saw Whales in the ice. Sounded several times
without success spoke the very fine Wright
Whale also the Alfred Gibbs one bowhead
several seals in sight

Set 6110 Log 179 cobs

Friday June 25

Light N.W. wind with thick fog. Boiling
stowed down 180 bl of oil

Saturday June 26

Light variable winds and thick fog. Spoke the
Sophia Thornton at boiling. Stowed down 115 bl. of oil
and finished the main Statching finished boiling
at one o'clock last night

Sunday June 27

First part fog middle and later part strong N.E. winds
saw quite a number of Whales going quick to the ice
Sounded several times without success spoke the
Gideon Howland five Whales sold ten dollars worth of
oars and took an order of Isaac Howland for
and too, saw fourteen seals. Cutting boiling and
Whaling ice to the Northward Set 6288 Log 179.5

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Monday June 28th 1852

Strong N.E. winds laying under sheet sail at eight A.M. struck a whale to the starboard boat hoist to cut from him in the ice. Lost one line later part a gale from the N.E. started fifty lbs of water out of sheet casts into pipes fourteen sail in sight saw a plenty of Whales going to the N.E. into the ice

Tuesday June 29 Sat 6:45 Long 17930 W

A strong N.E. wind ship under sheet sail at two P.M. saw Cape St. Thaddeus to the N.W. thirty miles dist at six P.M. the wind lulled some southerly and struck a whale to the Starboard with the gun at ten P.M. took him to the ship Sat 6:55 Long 17945 W

Wednesday June 30

Strong N.E. gales at four A.M. took in the throat and lips of our whale and started cutting it was so rough saw a plenty of Whales going N.E. quite a number of ships in sight Sat 6:55 Long 17900 East

Thursday July 1

The first part a strong N.E. gale. Later part fine weather cut in our whale saw thirty ships Sat 6:50 Long 17930 E stroke the Jones captured four Whales and Milner West three whales

Friday July 2

Light wind from the westward with calms and fog fastened to a whale to the starboard boat and got foul line and parted saw a plenty of whales Sat 6:40 Long 180 stroke the Indian of N.E. ten Whales

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven of Cape St Thaddeus

Saturday July 3rd

Light SE winds and fog saw a dead whale
and took his throat and ribs and half was
hauled two-thirds of Falmouth three whales
James Edwards five Reports the South Bester
East whales Cape Thaddeus at W dist 20 miles

Sunday July 4th

Strong ~~Westerly~~ wind at six AM saw whales
struck to the Oreo boat and killed with the
Iron took him to the ship and set him
in saw the Ship Warren of Warren take
fire and burn to the waters edge
Spoke the Oreo three whales Gen Schott
one whale and James Edwards five
Lat 62 40 Long 179 W

Monday July 5

Light southerly winds staved down
109 bl of oil spoke the
two whales and the Bernice Thulest six
whales at four PM started the try work
Lat 62 47 Long 179 W

Tuesday July 6th

Light southerly winds and calms spoke the
George Washington of NB nine whales
saw a few whales in the ice stowed down 90 bl
Lat 63 40 Long 179

Wednesday July 7

Light winds and calms with fog lowered several
times for whales without success saw the
Dark Fortune get her third whale and
lose a boat finished boiling at noon
burnt souls in sight
Lat 63 40 Long 179 W

Private Journal of Genl George Mosier of

Thursday July 8th 1857

First part light southerly winds later part
very strong winds at three A.M. struck a whale
to the Starboard boat killed to the starboard
at ten A.M. took him to the shore in the ice
at five P.M. finished cutting
Set 6240 Log 17.9 W

Friday July 9th

Strong southerly winds with fog saw down
30 lbs of oil Employed at boiling

Saturday July 10

strong southerly winds with fog at nine
A.M. saw a dead whale took him along
side Employed at boiling

Sunday July 11

strong southerly wind out in our
whale spoke the Barnes 6 whales

Monday July 12

Strong S.W. wind with fog employed at boiling

Tuesday July 13

Moderate from S.W. to East Sailing under short
sail. Rain & Fog spoke the Indian of A.B. 5 Whales
finished boiling at eleven A.M. stowed 20 lbs
of oil in the fore peak

Wednesday July 14

Light Easterly winds with rain and
fog Sailing under short sail spoke
the Amos 7 Whales stowed down 150 lbs
of oil in the fore peak

Shoh. Nagaror of Fairhaven in the Anacetus sea

Thursday July 15th 1852
Light variable winds and calms with fog
Later part light westerly winds steering by the
wind to the N.W. No fog several sails
in sight three or boiling

Friday July 16th
Strong N.E. gales steering to the west saw
high sails spoke the Louisa Bear: four Whales
Spoke the South Boston Twelve Whales
Lat. 63:40 Long 178 00

Saturday July 17
First part strong Easterly winds laying
under short sail at three in the afternoon
A light breeze spring up from the N.W.
and we run into the Northard and get
a sight of the land and saw several
ships sailing and boiling two at an anchor
in fifty fathoms of water saw several
whales going quick to the N.W.
Lat 64:30 Long 178 30 W

Sunday July 18
Light N.W. winds from the N.W. saw quite
a number of Whales; and ships or whaling
Whales going to the N.W. and at 8
at five P.M. steered to the Peru Boat
halted to the Starboard at ten took her
to the Ship Lat 65:10 Long 177 10

Monday July 19
Light variable winds and in our whale
Spoke the Fairhaven Eight Whales Bear: fourteen
three Whales Observed five Whales and Breckin
Clearer Whales Lat 65:10 Long 177 30

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Tuesday July 20th 1850

Moderate South West winds spoke the Europa
four Whales and the South Boston Thirteen Whales
saw one whale going to the N^o E ten sails in
sight Lat 65-03

Wednesday July 21th

First part calms later part fresh Easterly
winds steering to the Westward
Lat 64-30 Long 117-00 E

Thursday July 22

Moderate S E gale with rain and fog
sailing under short sail No Obs
One bark in sight

Friday July 23

Light southerly winds steering by the wind
to the Eastward spoke the Bark Pride of
Newington seven Whales

Saturday July 24

Light southerly winds steering by the wind
to the East

Sunday July 25

Light southerly steering by the wind to the
Eastward at six at Mr saw whales lowered
without success ran into the mouth of the
straights saw ten ships

Monday July 26

Light southerly winds steering north
at one at Mr started the trawlers
spoke the Arctur 9 Whales and Long Shorebrook
nine whales

of Ship Mayaro of Four Harms in the Straits

Tuesday July 27th 1850
Strong southerly winds, laying in the Straits
with the Mayaro aback

Wednesday July 28
Strong southerly winds with fog at two the last
night spoke the James Mawry five whales
at six at ten spoke the Eleanor whale

Thursday July 29
strong southerly winds with fog somewhat
booming at five the last night ran through
the Straits in to the Outer Ocean
and set of the small anchor and broke
it and then set go one of the large
ones Ten sails at anchor stowed down
90 bbls of oil

Friday July 30
Strong Easterly winds at one P.M. took
our anchors at four P.M. hauled the main
yard aback in a thick fog

Saturday July 31
Light Easterly winds with fog Laying with
the main yard aback caught a Walrus

Sunday August 1
Calm with a thick fog at plenty of mussel shells
and Walrus around the ship Twenty five fathoms
of water

Monday August 2
Calm with thick fog heard the surf on
the ice at plenty of Walrus around the
ship

Tuesdow Journal of Benj Clough Master

Tuesday August 3rd 1852

Light Northerly winds steering to the S. E. spoke the Hansa of Bremen five whales at six P.M. saw a whale lowered without success.

Wednesday August 4

Light variable winds cruising several for whale, several times with success saw a number of ships boiling saw the Moctezuma get a whale

Thursday August 5

Light N.E. winds with fog chased up to twenty hours without success saw the Finkusoff get a whale the Land South ten miles dist.

Friday August 6

Light N.E. wind at five P.M. struck a whale to the Starboard killed with the bows at six P.M. took her along side at seven commenced cutting. Saw the Finkusoff get a whale ten sails in sight sailed to the Southeast ten miles dist.

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Saturday Aug 7

Light N.E. winds spoke the Charlotte Brice Eleonore whales. Tender from and Betsey Williams ten boats cutting at Eleonore last night

Sunday Aug 8

Light Easterly wind Chased a plenty of whales without success spoke the Majestic eight whales sent sails ten miles dist.

of Ship Rogers of New Haven in the Straits

Monday August 9
Light NW winds cruising away at Plemy
of Whales at six PM struck to the
Scurboat killed and took him to the
ship and commenced cutting finished before
at seven this morning

Tuesday August 10
Light Easterly winds finished cutting at
midnight. Stowed down 130 bls of oil
spoke the Vile of San Francisco right whale
Commenced boiling

Wednesday August 11
Fresh NW winds at five this morning
struck a whale to the Scurboat boat and
killed to the same at nine commenced
cutting at one PM finished Spoke the
Queen of Saints Eight whales and Brooklyn
Fourteen Whales

Thursday August 12
Fresh southerly winds Struck a whale to
Maist boat at Eight AM. The whale rose
until one PM when the Scurboat boat
got fast and killed him at four PM
commenced cutting at Eight finished

Friday August 13
Light Easterly wind and fog Sailing out
saw boat boiling stowed down 124 bls of
oil saw six sails in sight a boiling

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Saturday Aug 14th 1850
Strong southerly winds Sailing under short sail
heaving to the Eastward. (boiling) Saw the
New England Eighteen hundred several
more sails in sight

Sunday Aug 15
Light N E winds Sailing under easy sail
a boiling stowed down Eighty bbls of oil
spoke the Able of San Francisco Eight whales
heads of the Monticello Nine whales
stowed down Eighty bbls of oil to day
Twenty-two sails in sight

Monday Aug 16th
Moderate winds from the South to N W cruising
off the Ice, spoke the Navigator of Fairhaven 13 whales
and Com. Beble Lyon fifteen whales
finished boiling at three O'clock P.M.

Tuesday Aug 17
Strong Northerly winds Sailing under short
sail stowing down 130 bbls of Oil

Wednesday Aug 18.
Strong Northerly winds steering by the wind to the west
until Nine when we tacked to the N E Spoke the
Osark Master of Long Harbor Eight whales and
Marcus of Fair Haven Five Whales
Fourteen sails in sight

Thursday Aug 19
Strong N W gales steering to the S E and
by the wind

of Ship. Mogaro of Foulham in the Arctic

Friday August 20

Strong N E winds steering by the wind to
the Eastward Lat 67:35 Long 187

Saturday Aug 21

Fresh northerly winds steering by the wind
to the N E until four P.M. when we tacked
to the West Lat 67:51 Long 190 00

Spoke the James Edward Cleaver whale
the Brighton Five Whales
The Nile Ten Whales
and the N.P. Salomage Eight whales

Sunday Aug 22

Light variable winds. first part later part
wind S.E. steering to the N.W. Thick seals
in sight stowed down Fifty bl of oil

Monday Aug 23

Fresh S.E. winds steering N.W. until
Six A.M. when we luffed to the wind to
to the N.E. saw the Alfred Gibbs boiling
saw the Se to the N.W. at seven A.M. three
miles dist and steered along the S.W. to
N.E. six hours gave several ships steering
to the N.W. North and N.E.
Water Blue 22 fathoms mud and gravel
Lat 69:40 North Long 193 00

Tuesday Aug 24

Fresh N.E. winds steering by the wind to the North
until seven A.M. when we steered to the S.E.
spoke the Sophie Thornton Seven Whales and
Minengahela Thirteen whales saw one whale
going to the S.W. Lat 70:05 Long 193:30
saw the land to the Southwest Cape Lisburne

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Wednesday August 25 1859

Light N.E. wind steering to the S.E. and south
in for the land at three P.M. Cape Sabine
S.E. six miles distant found the ship two degrees
to the East of the Chra spoke the Republic
of Bremen Eight Whales Sat 6:00

Thursday Aug 26

Fresh N.E. wind steering to the S.W.
at Eight A.M. spoke the Swastika of
Falmouth Cleared Whales at Cleared Celest
at 11 struck to the Starboard
best killed with guns at two p.m. took
him to the ship at half past five commenced
cutting at Sat. 6:00 Forty souls on sight
Saw 16 1/2 Whales

Friday Aug 27

Fresh breeze from the N.E. at ten O'clock last
night finished cutting, at seven A.M. struck
a whale to the West Boat killed to the
Starboard at nine took him to the ship
at five P.M. finished cutting and steered
the Squares Sat 6:55 Saw 16 1/2 Whales

Saturday Aug 28

Strong Northerly wind Sailing under short sail
a boiling, at two P.M. saw a dead
whale took him along side

Sunday Aug 29

Strong Northerly wind with rain and fog
Sailing under easy sail a boiling
But in our school
Spoke the Officers of the Green
Cleared Whales

Ship Navigator of Fourhaven in the Arctic Ocean

Monday Aug 30th 1852

Fresh Northerly wind with fog. Sailing under short sail or boobying

Tuesday Aug 31

Light winds and calm. First part foggy later part clear with fresh sails in sight. saw two Whales under easy sail or boobying. Land in sight to the southward

Wednesday Sept 1

Light Northerly winds under easy sail or boobying stowed down Sixty lbs of oil. Spoke the W Mist 12 Whales and Champion 17 Whales

Thursday Sept 2

Light Northerly winds finished boobying at ten O'clock. First night stowed down 90 lbs of oil. Spoke the America 12 Whales and Bremen 10 Whales

Friday Sept 3

Strong Southerly winds under short sail stowing stowing down 150 lbs of Oil. Lat 68° 18'

Saturday Sept 4

First part a heavy S.W. gale. Middle part the same. Later part light S.W. wind and heavy swell at six P.M. Sounded for whalls struck to the foreboard boat down the stern. Got the boat back by stern hook her in and got out another stowed down 150 lbs of oil. Lat 68° 40'

Private Journal of Boyl' Clough Mack.

Sunday September 5th 1852
First fast calm southerly and struck a
whale to Starboard boat killed it to
the West at ten at ten took him to
ship at ~~10~~ it was finished cutting
Saw a party of whale going to the
southeast. slow party sails in sight
spoke the Columbus of New London
12 Whales Lat 68 50 Long 174 West

Monday Sept 6
Strong southerly wind cruising saw whale
going to the N.W. spoke the Lydonia
of Fair Haven 13 Whales and Colligan of
N.B. 11 Whales Bark Harriet of Fair Haven
16 Whales commenced boiling

Tuesday Sept 7
Strong southerly wind cruising
spoke the Little Star of L. 9 Whales
and Curt Gofrolit of N.B. 16 Whales
and Isaac Hicks of L. 10 Whales

Wednesday Sept 8
Light S.E. winds saw a few whales going
to the N.W. some fog and rain
Boiling

Thursday Sept 9
Strong northerly winds cruising spoke the
Ship Perle of Havre De Grace 1500 lbs
finished boiling at ten o'clock last night

Friday Sept 10
Light S.W. wind steering by the wind to the North
Employees at cooping our oil saw nothing
Lat 68:41 Long 174:00 West

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven in the Arctic ocean

Saturday Sept 11 1850

Sight at W winds steering by the wind to the N.E.
stowed down 100 bbl of oil spoke the Bark President of
Minnington 10 Whales and Alexander Coffin of N.B.
19 Whales Sat 6350 Long 174 West

Sunday Sept 12

Calms and fog spoke the Combric 19 Whales

Monday Sept 13

Sight Northwesterly wind and fog at mid of the
kept her East 46 Obs

Tuesday Sept 14

Fresh Northwesterly winds steering East at Eight
A.M. saw Whales and thick water struck
to the West boat killed to the Starboard
at Noon took him along side and commenced
cutting took in the Lugs and Throat and
the Spine tore off the Whale sunk and
poor the Fluke Chain spoke the Abner
14 Whales Alexander 10 Whales Lark 1200 bbl
and Montague 1200 lb Sat 6750 Long 169.00 West

Wednesday Sept 15

First part Fresh Northwesterly winds later part
Sight at W Wind saw a plenty of whales
got one to Starboard boat killed with the
Abner took him along side and cut him
in finished at seven P.M. saw the Abner
get two Whales Sat 6750 Long 169.00 West

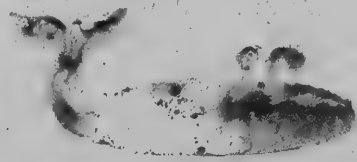
Thursday Sept 16

Sight variable winds lowered several times without
success spoke the Ship of Sam. Farnes 14 Whales Abner
15 Whales Alexander ten and a half
fifty souls in sight

Private Journal of Com^d George Master of

Friday September 17 1852

Light variable winds saw several ships get
Whales saw the Phoenix of New London take
our whals along side that we sunk sent
the boat and get him



Saturday Sept 18

Light N.W. winds but in our whale finished
at nine o'clock last night at nine o'clock
At 10 saw a plenty of Whales and very still
struck to the West beat and killed with
the Irons took him along side and took
in his head and one blubbered piece
Twenty souls in sight Lat 69 55 Long 169 00 W

Sunday Sept 19

Moderate Southerly winds took the blubber
off of our Whales and rafted it
Spoke the Alex Coffin nothing since we
saw her last

Monday Sept 20th

Fresh Southerly winds saw my under away
sail boiling spoke the Chambliss then
Boiling Lat 69 00 Long 169 00

Tuesday Sept 21

Light Southerly winds saw my under
short sail or boiling stowed down
210 lbs of oil

Wednesday Sept 22

Light winds from South to North at day
light took in our Blubber after that
working to the southern under away
sail spoke the Hambat of London 1800.

Ship Niagara of Fair Haven, in the State

Thursday Sept 23rd 1850

Commences with strong Northerly winds from the
backing at Ten O'clock A.M. took in sail to a star
reef, mounted sail and Tied down outstays sail
and put breast enough below to fill her hull
and lashed the things up in deck.

240 bls of oil meat flour sheeps, sheeps heads
bone Kneegs Horns paint oil buckets brick
all at dock and increasing and very heavy
see

Friday Sept 24

Friday Sept 24
A heavy Northerly gale at ten last night
the ship rolled down and took her decks full
of water. Burst out our gangway and some of
our stuff got adrift. amongst we lost about seven
hundred dollars worth. Loder boat strong and
and heavy sea saw two souls

Saturday Sept 25

Leaving my kind & easy soul in a heavy Northern
gale

Sunday Sept 26

First part strong Northerly winds laying under
short sail. Later part light Easterly wind with
heavy swell from the North-west. Saw two
ships bound out of the strait.

Monday Sept 27

Sight Bitterly wind and bay spoke the South
Besten 2600 bound out some six other sails
bound to the Southward.

Private Journal of Benj. Clough Master of Ship

Tuesday Sept 28 1850

Strong Northerly winds steering to the Southward
at noon hauled East Cape of Esic at six P.M.
Set go the Anchor in St Lawrence bay to get
water and stow down some oil
Saw eight sails steering out of the strait
Lat 60° 00' Long 176° 00' West

Wednesday Sept 29

A strong Northerly gale Sailing at Anchor
in St Lawrence Bay stowed down 200 lbs
of oil Lat 65° 30' N Long 170° 30' West

Thursday Sept 30

Sailing at Anchor in St Lawrence Bay
got 40 lbs of Water I shot six least Ducks
went on shore to the town and bought
100 lbs of Maltus testes
Lat 65° 30' N Long 170° 30'

Friday October 1

A strong North by East wind at two this morning
took our anchor and started for the Southward.
Albion We steered south by compass from
St Lawrence bay and at two P.M. passed fifteen
point four miles dist Employed at stowing
away our chains and lashing up casks
Lat 64° 30'

Saturday October 2

A strong Northerly gale steering south under double
reefs topsails at midnight took in the Mast boat
and set the Quarter boat on the top of the davits
in the morning our bows broke loose and we
put in in the Forecastle
Lat 61° 00' Long 175° West

Niagara of Fair Haven from Arctic to the Lornolun Islands

Sunday Oct 3rd 1850

A strong Northerly gale steering south under double reefed topsails until daylight when we set the Main top gallant sail and Fly jib

Lat 58:00 North Long 175:00 West

Monday Oct 4

Fresh E W wind steering S. E. under all sail frequent squalls of snow hail & rain

Lat 54:51 North Long 174:10 W

Tuesday Oct 5

First part strong Westerly wind later part light S W wind at noon passed Anguilla one of the Fox Islands saw two sails steering S. E.

Set up the fore top gallant sail and beat the Spunkier Course S. E. Lat 52:31 Long 171:48
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{16}$ Water 45° Air 53°

Wednesday Oct 6

Moderate wind from the N. N. W. steering S. E. by Compass Set up the Mizzen top gallant mast fore and Mizzen top gallant yards and Main Tackal yard and set out the fore top mast sticking sail. Passed a sail steering S. E. at dark saw another on the Starboard beam steering S. E.
Lat 50:31 North Long 170:10 Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$
Water 45° Air 30°

Thursday Oct 7

First part light N. W. wind steering S. E. Middle part calm Later part strong Easterly wind with every appearance of a gale at sunset double reefed the topsails

Lat 49:00 N Long 170:00 East
Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$ but falling fast at sunset
Air 50° Water 48°

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Friday Oct 8th 1852

First part strong S E gales under double reefed
topsails later part more moderate with the
main top gallons out very swell from the
S E. Ship heading by the wind to the S S W
Lat 47° 05' Long 170 20 Bar 29 $\frac{7}{10}$
Air 55° Water 50

Saturday Oct 9th

Strong S W gales ship under double reefed topsails
Employed at washing the ship a little
Lat 46° 10' N Long 169 10 Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$
Air 60 Water 55

Sunday Oct 10

A strong S W gale we carried double reefed topsails
until get under loggers and then close reefed
the maintop sail and foremast foresail
Bore and Mast, boats on deck and Larboard
on the Stern heads yesterday when I had
get my Chron about half worn I left
something give away and the run about
12 hours and stopped Lat 45 20
Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$ Long 169

Monday Oct 11

A heavy S W gale laying too under a close
reefed main top sail and fore top mast staysail
at eight A.M. set a reefed fore sail at six P.M.
kept her off E. S. E. under double reefed fore and
main topsails and reefed fore sail
Lat by account 45 Long 168 20

Monday Oct 11 Altered our day

Strong S W winds steering E. S. E. and S E by E
under double reefed topsails until noon when
I set whole top sails and courses Lat 43 30 Long 166
29

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven from the Straits of

Tuesday Oct 12th 1850
Strong westerly winds steering S E by E by amble
Employed at washing Ship For 14 hours
sail and main Royal out Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$
Lat 40:46 Long 163:00

Wednesday Oct 13th
Strong N W winds steering S. E by E with the
main Royal out Employed at washing Ship
Lat 38:10 Long 160:00 Bar 30 $\frac{5}{10}$

Thursday Oct 14
Berk Northerly winds steering S E until noon
when we kept her S. S. E. at eight at he saw
a sail ahead and gained about half a mile
an hour at dark seven miles off
Lat 35:19 Long 158:10 Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$

Friday Oct 15th
Light N W winds steering S. S. E. with all sail
out. Spoke the John Howland. Taylor, of N B
800 lbs Employed at mending boats washed
Ship & C Lat 32:25 Long 157:30 Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$
Water 71 Air 68

Saturday Oct 16
Light Northerly winds steering S S E with
all sail out Employed at mending boats
recoiling Ship & C one sail in sight
astern Lat 30:40 Long 157:15 Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$
Air 71 Water 70

Sunday Oct 17
Light Northerly wind steering S S E under all
sail Lat 29:00 Long by Sun 156

Private Journal of Benj Clough Marks

Monday October 18th 1852

Light Easterly winds steering S by E half E
with all sail out one sail out
One sail in sight. Employed at drying
some of our line Sat 28:10 Long 156:00

Tuesday October 19

Light wind from N to E steering S by E
with main Breeze out Employed at drying
line one sail in sight
Sat 25:45 N Long 156:10

Wednesday October 20

Strong Easterly wind steering S by E
with all sail out at two P.M. took in
fore and Mizzen topgallant sails Two sails in
sight one ahead and the other astern
Sat 23:52 Long 156:20

Thursday October 21

A strong N.E. wind steering S by W until
daylight when we made the weather port
mains and then kept her off and ran
down to the town at one P.M. went on shore
to get letters got one from Nelson Church
& son at sunset kept her off for
Marks Twenty five sails in main

Friday Oct 22

from Whaling Wives, by Anne Waring and H. B. Hough, 1953, p 26.

On the night of Thursday, November 6 [1852 a seaman was found
dead in a cell in the fort at Honolulu.] Two Vineyard shipmasters, Jacob L.
Cleveland of West Tibury and Benjamin Clough of Holmes Hole were on
the coroner's jury [whose decision] was a judgment of the law, and
apparently of sound common sense. ... but those of the dead man's friends
... yelled ... demanding that the constable be delivered to them.

(A riot ensued, emergency curfew. The harbor master's house
was set on fire and also the police station.)

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven in the North Pacific.

Thursday Nov 11 1850

Sight of 8 Traders at seven AM took
a shore boat and came off to the ship
she lay off and on at Eight AM
got on board and started for Valparaiso
to ship oil Discharged John Coffin
as the Government threatens to take him
out of the ship by force
Deserted Lewis B. Heustis Benj. Buttrick
and George Petersen

Friday Nov 12

Sight Easterly winds steering to the S. S. E.
Later part calm Employed at setting
up rigging and painting the starboard
boat. Saw a bark steering to the South
and Lat 20 20 Long 158 20

Saturday Nov 13

Sight Easterly winds and calms steering S. S. E.
with main royal out employed at putting
rigging Lat 19 31 Long 158 13

Sunday November 14

Strong Easterly winds steering S. S. E. and by the
wind saw a ship with three sails out to
west steering our course

Lat 18 00 Long 158 20

Monday November 15

Moderate Easterly winds steering S. S. E. and
by the wind saw two sails steering to the
Southward

Lat 15 14 North Long 160 00 W.

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough Master

Tuesday November 16 1852

Strong Easterly winds steering S S E with
main top gallant sail out. Employed out going
down. Lat 12:29 North Long 158 14

Wednesday November 17

Strong Easterly winds steering S S E under
top sails wind veering two or three points as usual
in the trade. Employed in lashing the rigging or other
Lat 9:20 by 157 18

Thursday November 18

Moderate Easterly winds with frequent squalls of
wind and rain steering S S E under by the
winds. Lat 6:30 Long 158 50

Friday November 19

First part light Easterly winds later part
winds S S E steering by the wind to the
W. S. W. Lat 3:03 Long 157 20

Saturday November 20

First part light southerly winds and calms
heading by the wind to the E S E at
Eleven A. M. Tacked to the S. W. at dusk wind
East ship heading S S E. at sunset sailed
a sail to the W. S. W. heading to the southward
Lat 4:30 Long 157:04

Sunday November 21

Light Easterly winds steering by the wind
with all sail out
Saw a sail to the S E heading to the
Southward
Lat 9:09 Long 155:50

of Ship *Morgano* of Four Store from S Isles to south

Monday November 22nd 1859

Moderate Easterly winds starting by the wind to the S.S.E. until ten in the evening; when I took in the topgallant sails, hauled the courses up; and were ship and lay with the main yards aback until daylight. Then I were back again and made sail; at six A.M. saw the land, Christmas Island at eight A.M. got in to the land, and found it to be a mere coral reef with some upon it; and a few small bushes I saw down along the land until noon; and saw a small clump of Cocconut trees; at two P.M. passed the last point, with another clump of Cocconut trees, about six miles from the former. I should think the Island, very hard to run in the night as it would not be seen any great distance if it was very dark; perhaps but a few hundred fathoms. I believe there are no animals on the Island but a great resort for sea birds to lay their eggs and hatch their young. At five P.M. spoke the Ship *Orion* of New Bedford nothing but a leeward the Island when she had 1300 lbs going to cruise of Jarvis Island.

We sent down the micrometer to measure it and shortened it about twenty inches and bent it again Lat 1:56 Long 157 35

Tuesday November 23

Strong winds from the E.S.E. and East steering by the wind and S by E with all sail out. At eight o'clock in the forenoon crossed the Equator. Found the current setting one mile west. Employed at repairing the fore topsail. Lat 00:25 miles south Long 158 or West.

Cruick Journal of Benjamin Clough Mounts

Wednesday November 24th 1859

Moderate Easterly winds steering S by E with all sail out Broke out on sail room and found we have got some roots on board her can sons from Waikato found a few holes in the sails mended them or scattered some stakes about for the roots to make nests of.

Lat 9:09 Long 157:47

Thursday November 25

Moderate Easterly winds steering S by E with all sail out saw a hawk to West with fire and mainmast upmost and topgallant standing sails out supposed it to be the blipper Bark Messenger bird from Waikato with bone if it is here we have beaten her some days since we started Lat 5:54 Long 157 48

Friday November 26

Fresh breeze from the ENE steering S by E with all sail out passed just to the windward of sight of Penryns Island Lat 8:23 Long 157 37

Saturday November 27

First part light Easterly winds later part winds to the northward steering S by E with all sail out Lat 11:23 Long 157 38

Sunday November 28

Light Northerly winds and calms steering S by E with all sail out Lat 12:36 Long 157 46

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven from S. I. to Valparaiso.

Monday November 29 1850
Light easterly winds steering S by E and bent
the maint. & fore sail repaired it and bent it
again Lat 19:37 South Long 157 45 West

Tuesday November 30
First part light easterly winds later part light
northerly winds steering S by E Employed at
reparing the Foresail Lat 14:34 Long 157 43

Wednesday December 1
Light variable winds from North to west steering
S by E with all sail out employed at repairing
the Foresail Lat 15:26 Long 157 20

Thursday December 2
Light variable winds from West to south steering South
and by the wind Employed at altering a & lower
masting sail into crossjack sail
Lat 15:54 Long 157 10

Friday December 3
Light southerly winds steering by the wind to the
E S E until 12 o'clock last night when we touched
to the S W Bent our crossjack sail Employed at
mending a boat that we got stove in the Arctic
Lat 16:09 Long 157 14

Saturday December 4
Moderate S E wind steering by the wind to the S. S. W.
Employed at mending the Stern boat
Lat 17 25 Long 157 30

Private Journal of Benj. Clough Master of

Sunday December 5th 1850

Moderate Easterly winds steering by the wind to the to the S by E at daylight made the Island Mytoteake and ran in for it At ten A.M. a boat came off to see if I wanted trade and I went on shore with some cloth shawls &c

Journal at Hong of Towel and fruit I get 44 Hogs 194 Ducks 75 fowls 4 lbs of Yams 20 Dry Eggs

Fifty Bunches of Banananas 3 lbs of Pine apples

4 lbs of Limes 50 Iron plates 200 Coconuts and one barrel of Mummy Apples

I found the Price for drugs rather high but other things cheap The Island is small and but few inhabitants and all pretend to be religious I found the Women remarkable for nothing except their dirty frocks and I believe virtuous from necessity at they fine or imprison them if they are caught straying from the paths of virtue

There is a white missionary on the Island but I did not see him

There is a reef extending around the Island with a small boat passage through the reef of the place where they do the trading on the West side of the Island The Captain of the Mielas came on shore before I left And the Scherson & S. H. in sight coming in

Lat 21:15 Long 159 40

Monday December 6

Moderate Easterly steering by the wind to the Southeast at two P.M. saw the Island of Pordage at dark standing in for the Island Saw three ships sailing off and on

Lat 20 33 Long 160 00

Ship *Moigeon* of Fair Haven Bound to Valparaiso

Tuesday December 7th 1852

Moderate Easterly winds laying of *Pierotonga* went on shore and found four ships at trading the *Jefferson* of Say Harbor Spruce of Celestine Bound home *Osby Williams* of Stonington bound to Valparaiso to ship oil and *Somerset* of New Bedford a sheet cruise and to *Wauke* to recruit for the Arctic

I got 25 Iron pots and shipped four men masters of *Pierotonga* for one year and advanced them Eight dollars myself

Private Journal of Benjⁿ. Clough Master of

Wednesday December 8th 1852

Light winds from the E. & N. E. steering by the
wind to the S. E. with all sail out
Employed at making coops for fowl

Lat 22:55 S Long 159:14 W

Thursday December 9

Light winds from N. E. to N. W. steering S. E.
dul enough to be under a burning sun in
a calm. I just thinking of the many years
that I have roamed the pathless ocean deprived
of all the luxuries; and many, of the comforts
of life for the first few years I have no
particular aim; merely a desire, to be at
sea; and see the world; And since it has
been my desire to accumulate enough to
settle down in life: and the question is
now when shall I get enough when
shall I realize the happy hours that I
anticipate when shall I have a partner in
my joys and sorrows when shall I have
children of my own Echo answers when

Friday December 10

First part light variable winds and calms
later has strong winds from the S. E. steering
by the wind to the S. W.

Lat 24 20 Long 158 00

Saturday December 11

Strong S. E. winds steering by the wind.
heaving south shortened sail some in
the night it being squally

Lat 26 12 Long 158 00

Ship Niagara of Fair Haven bound to Valparaiso ^{Mexico} from

Sunday December 12th 1852

Strong Easterly wind steering by the wind to the S. S. E. with the main topgallant sail set frequent signals of rain

Lat 29 00 South Long 158 30 West

Monday December 13th

Fresh N. E. wind steering S by E under close reefed topsails and reefed courses

Cold raining and uncomfortable the ship taking in a great deal of water on the reel

Lat 32 30 South Long 158 40 West

Tuesday December 14

First part fresh N. E. wind ship under close reefed topsails and reefed courses steering S. by E. Later part wind moderate drizzly rain and fog such a day as antiquated maidens and the partners of superannuated men get flighty and leave home and go about town looking after younger men the Decem's wife for instance V. hope some of her young friends with like pity or helpless consolation and offer her the right kind of consolation Lat 36:00 S Long 158 30

Wednesday December 15

First part moderate Easterly wind hauling gradually to the southward at daylight wind S. W. and cloudy Course East Lat 36 50 Long 156 30

Thursday December 16

First part light S. W. wind steering East at midnight the wind commenced hauling to the southward at dark wind E. S. E. and ship under double reefed topsails Lat heading E Lat 36 40 Long 154 00

Private Journal of Benj^m Clough Master of

Friday December 17th 1852

This day commences with strong E N E winds heading by the wind to the S. E. at daylight the wind heaved, so that she headed East her course at dark wind N. W. with sail flying very quick Ship with mastedragell outboard out Lat 36:40 Souna Sailing 15000 W

Saturday December 18

Light variable winds steering East with all sail out Lat 37:10 Souna 14940

Sunday December 19

Light variable winds squalls of rain from different quarters ship not under steerage very most of the time at dark wind E. S. E ship heading N. E. Lat 37 15 Souna 14800

Monday December 20

Light S E winds steering by the wind the E N E under all sail saw quite a number of Pinbacks

Lat 37 11 Souna 14500

Tuesday December 21

Light S E winds steering by the wind to the E N E under all sail Lat 36:41 Souna 14480

Wednesday December 22

Light variable winds from the Southward steering East with all sail out

Lat 36:48 Souna 14122

Ship Niagara of Fair Haven bound to Vailburg

Thursday December 23rd 1852

Light S.W. winds steering East under all sail
Took out and took an account of the
Goods on board Nothing in sight
Lat 37:01 S Long 134 36 W

Friday December 24

Light Westerly winds steering East under all
sail Painted the fore and main mast
and one of the booms on the house
At dawn the wind hauled to the northward
with rain At sunset saw a great many
Albatrosses flying about
Lat 37 16 Long 137:30

Saturday December 25

First part light Northerly winds Middle and
later part light winds from the westward steering
East with all sail out Sailed and picked up
a squid large enough to fill a barrel
Lat 37:36 Long 135 02

Sunday December 26

First part light westerly winds Later part fresh
Southerly winds steering East with all sail
out Saw a number of Furbacks
Lat 37:55 S Long 132 31

Monday December 27

First part fresh winds from the Southward
Later part moderate nearly calm
steering East with main royal cut
Employed at making Gropes for the
boats Lat
Lat 38 06 S Long 129 29 W

Private Journal of Benj^r Clough master

Tuesday December 28th 1850

Sight variable winds and calm.
Caught a Turtle weighing about six hundred lbs. rather different from any that I ever saw; it had ridges running longitudinally about six inches around and was covered with a thin paper like skin like a Whale. and under that a white bone about a sixteenth of an inch thickness and then a sort of gristly substance about three inches thick very full of oil. The nose was very thick through and unable to move about the docks and his fore flipper about three feet long. His intestines were full of a Belp like substance different from any marine plant that I ever saw and I suppose it came from the bottom of the Ocean. We soaked the meat to eat and filled a barrel with the best substance.

Sat 98 10 S Long 129 06 W

Wednesday December 29

Sight variable winds steering by the wind and Coast. Employed at making grips for the boats. Later part light winds from the S S E heading East.

Sat 98 43 Long 127 54

Thursday December 30

Sight variable winds mostly from the Eastward steering on different tracks the one that we can make was Eastward. Saw a plenty of small fish in the water and Albatrosses and smaller birds.

Sat 98 39 Long 127 06

of Ship Merganser of Fair Haven bound to Valparaiso

Friday December 31st 1852

The last day of the Old Year
Light variable winds from the Eastward
steering on the wind on different tacks
at ten o'clock in the forenoon saw a break
five miles from two hours that way; saw nothing
A plenty of Albatrosses

Lat 39:17 S Long 127 00 West

Saturday January 1st 1853

Light variable winds and calms steering by
the wind and East Broke out our broad
and coopered it found one cork damaged
about a Quarter of the Cask spoiled
Nothing in sight excepting Albatrosses

Lat 39 47 Long 126 30

Sunday Jan 2nd

Light winds from S.W. to N.W. steering
East by North Albatross in sight excepting
Albatross Lat 39 47 Long 124 00

Monday January 3

Light E.W. winds steering E.N.E. under
all sail Thick fog

Lat 39:36, West Long 121 00 Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$

Tuesday January 4

Light N.W. wind and thick fog steering E.N.E.
under all sail Lat 39 18 Long 118 00 Bar 30 $\frac{4}{10}$

Wednesday January 5

Light winds from N.W. to N.E. steering to
the East - first part light winds and fog
Later part fresh breeze and clear weather
Lat 38:58 S Long 115:31 West

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Thursday Jan 6th 1853

Fresh winds from N. N. E. to N W steering
by the wind and E. N. E. All sail out
First part foggy Middle part clear later part
thick fog Lat 38:49 S Long 110:35 W Bar 30 $\frac{2}{10}$

Friday Jan 7th

Fresh breezes from the N W steering E. N. E.
with all sail out First and later part
foggy Middle clear Nothing in sight
Lat 38:35 S Long 107:15 Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$

Saturday Jan 8th

First part fresh N. W. winds later part light N E
winds middle part calm steering N. E. by E.
and by the wind first foggy
Lat 38:20 S Long 104:00 Bar 30

Sunday Jan 9

Strong N W winds steering E N E later part
very strong ship under double reefed topsails
frequent squalls of rain
Lat 38:00 S Long 100:00 Bar 29 $\frac{9}{10}$

Monday Jan 10

First part a strong westerly gale steering N E by E
Ship under double reefed topsails
Middle part Moderate S W winds all sail out
Later part Fresh Easterly winds steering by the
wind to the N. N. E. Under three top gallant sails
Lat 37:00 S Long 96:00 W Bar 30:00

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Tuesday Jan 11

First part light N W with rain and squalls
Middle part light Easterly and calm
Later part Fresh Westerly winds steering N E by N
Lat 36:00 S Long 96:00 Bar 30 $\frac{2}{10}$

of Ship Niagara from S.I. to Valparaiso.

Wednesday. January 12th 1853

Light winds from West to south steering N.E. by E. with all sail cut at five P.M. saw 4 Pomberch I don't think there ever was a ship sailed one so many miles as we have without seeing Sperm Whales

Lat 35:36 S Long 89:30 W Bar 30 to

Thursday January 13

Strong winds from South to E.S. E steering N.E. by E and by the wind at five P.M. split the gill at six double reefed the topsails

Bitter memory has been very busy with me this Evening fifteen years of my life has been spent sailing on the Ocean; how many dismal nights have I passed in that time, for the Deepest dejection that could overwhelm the human mind finding my self perplexed among ice and land in gales of wind To one accustomed to hardships all other inconveniences are trivial The rising of the storm and pouring of the Ocean in the open Ocean are nothing Lat 34 17 S Long 83:00 Bar 30

Friday. January 14.

Strong Easterly winds ship under double reefed topsails on the Northern tack untill noon when I wore ship to the S.E. Prepared the gill and hant it Lat 33:30 Long Bar 30

Saturday January 15

Strong Easterly winds steering by the wind to the N.E. under topsails Employed at repairing the main top gallent sail

Saw Perhorses and a flock of birds Lat 33 Bar 30 to

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Sunday Jan 16th 1859

Strong wind from E S E to S S E. with a heavy
Easterly swell; steering by the wind to the E. N. E.
Under topsails. Saw porpoises

Lat 39° 27' S Long 85° 40' W Bar 30 to

Monday Jan 17th 1859.

Strong winds from S. E. to S. S. E. steering by
the wind to the Eastward Under topsails
most of the time At Noon saw a sail
on the Starboard beam steering by the wind
to the Eastward Under topsails At dark she
was out of sight on the weather Quarter
Saw a plenty of Birds Porpoises, And one
Finback rather squally. Bar 30 to

Lat 39° 37' S Long 83° 06'

Tuesday Jan 18th

Strong E. S. E. winds steering by the wind to
the N. E. at midnight doubled the topsails
At Ten A. M. spoke the Rescuer of N Bedford
300 bbls of Speron on board Bound to
San Francisco and home

Lat 39° 50' S Long 80° 59'

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Wednesday Jan 19

Light winds from E S E to S E working
to the Eastward Luckie shot a number
of times at dark passed at Dark showing
a Chilian. Colours Saw the Island of
Mascarene Lat 39° 39' S Long 80° 15' Bar 30

Thursday Jan 20

Light wind from S E. to S. S. E. steering
by the wind to the Eastward with all
sail out Saw Quon Fernandes to the South
Lat 39° 00' S Long 78° 05' Bar 30

Ship Mayaro from S. Islands to Valpariso

Thursday Jan 21st 1839

Fresh winds from the S.E. and S.S.E at seven
Saw an English Bark steering N.E. At nine
o'clock in the morning saw Blackfish leweret and
caught one to the Starboard boat; and one to the
Starboard boat. At Eleven A.M. took them
Along side Lat $32^{\circ}52'S$ Long $75^{\circ}00'W$ Bar 29 70

Saturday Jan 22nd

A strong southerly wind steering by the wind to the
E by S. at daylight made the land to the East
noon into it and kept off North down the coast
for Valpariso found that we had made seventy
miles to the Southward in Eighteen hours steering
E by S. As we ran down the land within
a few miles found but very little of it
cultivated at Sunset saw five vessels at anchor
and one under weigh in a bay but I do
not think it is Valpariso as we have not seen
for enough since 11 o'clock when our Latitude
gave us sixty miles to the Southward of that port.
The best that we could find was very conspicuous
Minerals to the Southward of it on the
high land saw six boats steering to the
Northward Lat $33^{\circ}56'$ Bar 29 70

Sunday Jan 23

Light variable winds and calm steering down
for Valpariso At sunset let go the anchor
in the Harbour found quite a number
of Ships at anchor and the Bark heaped
at Males saying off and on

Private Journal of Benja. Clough Master of
Mandocay Jan. 24th 1858
Sailing at once in Valparaiso
Engagers. to ship 1000 bb of oil
by the Libero Packet

Tuesday Jan 25th

Sunday in Valparaiso is more as a holy day - a day
of amusement and pleasure, than of religious devotion.
Stores are open for business transactions - houses
of entertainment are thronged - places of amusement
are crowded with visitors - the military are out
on parade - the roads are covered with persons
and persons that have no money to spend are
making merry with such sports as cart netting.
During the afternoon with several companions
I visited a part of the town where we had
an opportunity of witnessing or children's entertainings
a sort of dance common among the middle
and lower classes of people in this place.
We entered the house to which we had been
directed, and were ushered into a large room,
where a number of both sexes were assembled.
Several were playing upon guitars, the favorite
music of this country, which others were assisting
with their voices. Some were upon the floor
dancing with another - but a graceful movement
to tunes as dull and unmusical as ours
were drawn from any instrument.
These engaged, however, seemed highly content
and doubtless enjoyed themselves, while well
some of my party took the floor with several
pretty signorittas, who courted and were
pleased with their attentions.

Ship Margaret of Fairhaven

Ship Board Journal of Bess Cleugh

Wednesday February 3

Southerly winds and fine weather at ten A.M. cleared the ship at the P.M. took our men out of the Calabrese and took them on board in Irons

Thomas C. Clark got away when enemy down and I left him. Then we got on board the men still refuses duty and I get fire boats from the shore and sent them 17:20 to work the ship out paid a man for cooking \$150

Found that I could not get to sea without more assistance and sent to the Briget St. Lawrence and got 20 men at ten at night the boats left us and went on shore

Thursday Feb. 4

Strong Southerly wind steering N.W. under tetrails most of the men wish to go to their duty Set Jose Rodrigues go to his duty

Friday Feb. 5

Light southerly winds steering to the N.W. with all sail out Set William Lawson go to his duty Set 29 00 Long 175 26

Saturday February 6

Light N.W. winds steering to the Northward Set Henry Nelson & Thompson all strict Henry & Smith go to their duty on their Oath of Good behavior Set 28:30 Long 176

Master of Ship Niagara from Valparaiso N.M.

Monday February 7th 1858.

Light variable winds and calms steering to the N.W.
At 4 P.M. set the hole. Set Dellingham & Phillips
go to their duty. Lat 27:30 S Long 76:30 Bar 30

Tuesday February 8

Light Northerly winds and calms working to the
Northward. Saw a Sulphurbottom and Blackfish
Set James Hunt & Edmund Gould go to their
duty. Lat 27:15 S Long 76:20 Bar 30

Wednesday February 9

First part light S.W. winds at noon it hauled
to the S.E. Saw a Bark steering to the Eastward
Set Michael McCoy and Dennis Parker go to
their duty. Course N.W. by N.
Lat 26:44 S Long 76:17 Bar 30

Thursday February 10

Light S.E. winds steering N.W. by N. with all
sail out. Employed at Battling down the rigging
Fine clear weather. Lat 24:31 S Long 77:00 W Bar 30

Friday February 11

Light S.E. winds steering N.W. by N. with all
sail out. Employed at ridding the rigging down
Saw a sail standing by the wind to the S.W.
Lat 22:20 S Long 78:00 W Bar 30

Saturday February 12

Light S.E. winds steering to the N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N with all
sail out. Employed at Battling down the rigging
Saw an English Bark steering to the Northward
Lat 20:05 Long 79 W Bar 30.

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Sunday February 13th 1859

Fresh S.E. winds steering N.W. by N at ten A.M.
kept her N.W. by W half west
all sail out Lat 17° 31' S Long 90° 00' W Bar 29.50

Monday February 14th

Fresh S.E. winds steering N.W. by W with
all sail out at Clearan N.W. lowered
for Blackfish but could not get on
their were to stay Employed at trimming
Ship; Shelling Flour &c
Lat 16° 08' S Long 89° 00' Bar 29.50

Tuesday February 15th

Light S.E. winds steering N.W. by W with
all sail out at one P.M. saw Sperm Whales
and lowered the Boats three of the
Boats mistook the whales and got after
blackfish, the Starboard boat went
to the Whales and galleyed them and
they started off to windward I headed
them off with the Ship, Starboard
boat went on and fastened and drew
the Main Mast boat went on and fastened
and Starboard boat fastened to another
Saw the two at 5 P.M. took them to the
Ship at Eight get them out in
Lat 14° 24' S Long 94° 00' Bar 29.50

Wednesday February 16th

Light S.E. winds Long with the Main Mast
aback last night at six A.M. kept off
N.W. by W at two P.M. saw Sperm whales
lowered studdsail to the Starboard boat
and the School left, at seven P.M.
took the Whales along side
Lat 14° 01' N Long 94° 00' Bar 29.50

Ship Niagara. From Valparaiso to the Northward

Thursday February 17th 1859
Light winds from the S.E. to S.W. At five A.M.
called all hands and out in our whale
At 9 A.M. started the tryworks steering to
the westward so that our tryworks will
draw. Lat 19° 35' S Long 85° 00' W Bar 29.8
Light squalls of rain Air 74 Water 76

Friday February 18th
Light variable winds with rain in the evening
steering to the westward and N.W. by W under
easy sail, Boiling
Lat 19° 51' S Long 87° 00' W Bar 29.7 Air 74 Water 76

Saturday February 19th
Light variable winds first part. Later part wind
S.E. steering N.W. At daylight finished boiling
Our three whales made about 50 lbs.
Lat 19° 18' S Long 88° 14' W Bar 29.9 Air 73 Water 77

Sunday February 20th
Moderate winds from S to E with frequent
rain squalls steering N.W. under all sail
At 3 P.M. lowered for blackfish
but got none
Lat 19° 00' S Long 89° 00' W Bar 29.8 Air 75 Water 78

Monday February 21st
Light S.E. winds and calms steering to the
N.W. with all sail out At two P.M. lowered
for blackfish without success
Lat 19° 51' S Long 90° 00' W Bar 29.7 Air 80 Water 77

Tuesday February 22nd
Light winds and calms steering N.W. by N
Employed at pulling down
Lat 19° 00' S Long 91° 30' W Bar 30.0 Air 79 Water 80

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Wednesday February 23rd 1859

Light S. E. winds steering W. N. W. with all
sail out Employed at taring down
Lat 6:31.5 Long 92:30 W Bar 29.7 Air 85 Water 80

Thursday February 24

Light S. E. winds and calms steering W. N. W. with
all sail Employed at taring down
At five P. M. lowered for Blackfish without
success Lat 6:24.5 Long 93:00 Bar 29.7 Air 82 Water 79

Friday February 25

Light S. E. winds steering W. N. W. with all sail
out Hoveed down our Spinnail 69 lb
Saw Pombock and Bone Shark
Lat 5:37.5 Long 94:00 W Bar 30 Air 84 Water 78

Saturday February 26

Light easterly winds steering W. N. W. with all
sail out Employed at weathring ship
Lat 4:50 Long 95:00 Bar 29.7 Air 82 Water 80

Sunday February 27

Light Easterly winds steering W. N. W. with all
sail out Saw a Pombock
Lat 4:00 Long 97:00 Bar 30 Air 82 Water 80

Monday February 28

Moderate Easterly winds later part squally
steering W. by N. with all sail out
Employed at Painting ship
Lat 3:24 Long 98:30 Bar 29.7 Air 80 Water 79

Tuesday February

Ship Niagara of New Haven from New Haven. N.H.

March 1st 1853

Strong winds from the E. S. E. with frequent squalls of rain steering W. by N. with all sail out

Lat 2:41 S Long 100:34 Bar 29 $\frac{8}{10}$ Air 73 Water 79

March 2 1853

Fresh S. E. winds steering steering W by N. with all sail out, Cloudy

Lat 2:00 S Long 103:30 Air 81 Water 78 Bar 30

Thursday March 3

Moderate S. E. winds steering W by N. with all sail out. At M. saw Furbacks

Lat 1:12 S Long 106:00 Air 80 Water 78 Bar 30

Friday March 4

Moderate S. E. winds steering W by N. with all sail out. Employed at asserting pelotas

Lat 00:24 S Long 108:00 Water 80 Water 75 Bar 30

Saturday March 5

Light easterly winds steering W by N. At ten A.M. kept her N. W.

Saw quite a number of Furbacks

Employed at asserting pelotas

Lat 06:36 N Long 109:36 Air 80 Water 78 Bar 30

Sunday March 6

Light easterly winds steering steering N. W. under all sail frequent squalls of rain

Lat 2:07 N Long 111:00 Air 82 Water 80 Bar 29 $\frac{7}{10}$

Monday March 7

Commenced with light S. E. winds at ten left night the wind hauled to the N. E.

Saw part squalls steering N. W.

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Tuesday March 8th 1853

Strong N.E. trades steering W.N.W. with all sail
out Ship going along Ten miles an hour
Cooper employed at setting up shooks
Lat 6:41 N Long 116:40 Bar 30.5 ther 31 Water 80

Wednesday March 9th

Strong N.E. trades steering N.N.W. with all sail
out. Ship going quick Eleven miles an hour
Cooper setting up shooks
Lat 8:34 N Long 120:00 W Bar 30 ther 31 Water 80

Thursday March 10th

Strong N.E. winds steering W.N.W. with all
sail out Employed at repairing the Fly Sib.
Lat 10:31 N Long 123:50 W Bar 30 ther 30 Water 80

Friday March 11

Strong N.E. trades steering N.N.W. with all sail
out Lat 12:27 Long 127:23 Bar 30 ther 78 Water 77

Saturday March 12

Strong N.E. trades steering W. by N. with all sail
out Lat 14:03 Long 131:10 Bar 30 ther 77 Water 75

Sunday March 13

Strong E.B. winds steering N.N.W. under
all sail rather squally
Lat 15:31 Long 135:40 Bar 30 ther 76 Water 73

Monday March 14

Strong N.E. trades. cond cloudy steering
W by N with all sail out
Employed at repairing the Foresail
Lat 16:58 Long 139:30 Bar 29.8 ther 74 Water 73

of Ship Margaret for Valparaiso North

Tuesday March 15th 1858
Strong N.E. winds with frequent squalls of rain
& mist steering W. by N. with all sail
Lat 13:18 N Long 144:00 Bar 30.0 der 71 water 79

Wednesday March 16
Strong winds from the E.N.E. steering W. & N. until
noon when I kept her West frequent squalls of
wind and rain Ambient, repeated, and bent
the foretopgallant sail
Lat 19:30 Long 148 Bar 29.8 der 72 Water 79

Thursday March 17
Strong winds from E.N.E. steering W. & N. with all
sail set carried away a topmast studding sail
boom last night
Lat 19:55 Long 151:45 Bar 30.0 der 72 Water 79

Friday March 18th
Strong winds from the East steering W by S
with all sail set at two P.M. saw
Hawaii at six P.M. heaved the ship to
the wind off Bigons Bay
Saw a sail steering to the West
Lat 19:30 Long 153:00 Bar 30.0 der 72 Water 79

Saturday March 19
Strong N.E. trades at ten A.M. took a Pilot
and ran into Bigons Bay and let get
the anchor found fourteen Whaleships at
anchor

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of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven

Friday April 1st 1853

Light winds and fine weather from the
Southeast at Six P.M. took our anchor
and left Hilo for Maui to get coals
and land a sick man

Saturday April 2

At Eight last night discharged our Pilot
with a light S.E. wind and heavy swell
from the N.E. Later fast strong E.C.
winds steering to the West

Sunday April 3

Moderate Easterly winds steering to the West
at nine last night let her come too
with the main yard aback at daylight
kept her off S.W. at seven P.M.
Came too with the main yard aback
off Diamond Head. Oahu
found the ship seventy miles to the
East of the Chronometer

Monday April 4

I went on shore this morning and carried
two men Henry P. Smith & and
left them in the Hospital sick

Tuesday April 5

Southerly winds and raining. Landing of
and Honolulu at five P.M. I came
on board and kept the ship
W.S.M.

Wednesday April 6

Strong N.E. breezes steering West with all sail
out. Lat 21:09 N. Long 160:00 West

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Thursday April 7th

Strong N.E. breezes steering West with all
sail out. Middle stiched the main top sail
Lat 21:07 N Long 165:00 E Bar 30 to

Friday April 8

Strong N.E. breezes steering West with all sail
out Lat 21:18 Long 169:00 Bar 30 to dir 73 Water 73

Saturday April 9

Strong N.E. breezes steering W by N with all
sail out Saw a plenty of Bluejays
Lat 22:06 N Long 173:00 Bar 30 to dir 72 Water 73

Sunday April 10th

Moderate winds from the N.E. steering W by N
with all sail out
Lat 22:55 N Long 177:20 Bar 30 to dir 72 Water 73

Monday April 11

Fresh N.E. winds steering W.N.W. with all
sail out Employed at mending the
Starboard boat.
Lat 24:00 N Long 173:40 E Bar 30 to dir 71 Water 72 1/2

Tuesday April 12

Strong N.E. breezes steering N.W. by N.
with all sail out Painted the starboard
boat Lat 26:14 Long 175:20 Bar 30

Wednesday April 13

Moderate Easterly winds steering N.W.
with all sail out Employed at painting
the boats and coiling new lines
Saw a plenty of sea cucumbers & perhaps men of war
Lat 28:30 Long 171:46 E Bar 30 to Water 67 dir 70

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven from Lake to State

Thursday April 14th 1858.
Light Easterly winds and calm steering N.W.
with all sail out passed the Bear
and waist boats Employed at putting
chasing gear on to the rails and
water ways making str. pen for the
pigs & water bull of olums and
Portuguese men of war

Lat 30:00 Long 171:00 East Box 3³ Wts 65 dr 57

Friday April 15

First part calm middle part light E.W. winds
later part moderate winds from the E.W.
steering N.W. at noon lowered and picked
up a log of wood N.W. pine

Saw a plenty of Portuguese men of war
& in the water. Saw one Finback.

Lat 30:49 Long 170:00 East Box 3³ dr 66 Wts 67

Saturday April 16

Moderate winds from E to South steering
N.W. by N. with all sail out

Lat 32:46 Long 163:30 East Box 3³ dr 64 Wts 69

Sunday April 17

Commander with moderate S.W. winds steering
N.W. At one o'clock last night the wind
heaved to the N.E. with three or double
reefed the topsails ship heaving by the
wind to the Eastward, at six or 6 o'clock
heaved to the Southward tackes ship about
North by N.W. wind double reefed topsails
and reefed courses At dark wind
East

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Monday April 18th 1853

Moderate winds from East to South steering
N by West and North with all sail out
at sunset wind increasing and Borewind falling
Saw a plenty of Brit birds and Portuguese men of
War 37:00 Lat Long 165 45 East Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$

Tuesday April 19

Commenced with fresh winds from the south
steering North at eleven in the night the
wind hauled to the N.W. when we double
reefed the topsails at daylight it hauled
to the N.E. & when we lashed ship
to the N.W. ship under double reefed
topsails Thick and raining during the day
Lat 38:00 Long 165 00 Bar 30

Wednesday April 20

Light winds from the N.E. to East
steering by the wind and North saw several
finbacks at two P.M. saw two Right
Whales and lowered for them without
seeing them when down
Lat 39:25 Long 164 40 Bar 30 $\frac{1}{10}$

Thursday April 21

Commenced with fresh Easterly winds and
all sail out, at midnight a rain storm
and blowing on at daylight a gale and
rain storm ship under three close topsails
steering North at eight lifted to the wind
on the southern tack and back in the
fore and main topsails at ten A.M.
the wind hauled suddenly to the S.W.
hauled off again Bar 29 $\frac{9}{10}$ at 9 P.M. the wind
hauled to the North and blew on strong at
times a heavy rain storm Bar rising
41 90 Long 164 15

the Ship Magaree of Fair Haven, from S. I. to the Arctic

Friday April 22nd

Commenced with a strong Northerly gale
Ship under a close reef. Main sheet at
daylight the wind hauled to the N.W.
and died away and we made sail
at dark wind West and ship under
topails steering North Bar 30
Lat 47° 36' N Long 164° 20' E

Saturday April 23

Commenced with a moderate westerly wind
steering North at midnight strong N.W.
wind double reefed the topails and reefed
the courses light northerly wind through
the day at four P.M. the wind hauled to
to the East all sail cut at dark
Lat 48° 30' N Long 164° 40' Bar: 30

Sunday April 24

Commenced with a light easterly wind which
soon hauled to the South-east with rain
at four P.M. the wind hauled to the west
with snow Ship under double and close
reefed topails Last night a crew came
and set on one of the yards abt and we
caught him this morning the ship 450 miles
from the land. I suppose he goes clean off
in a gale of E. S. Lat about 45 Degrees
Bar 29.10 at dark

Monday April 25

Commenced with fresh westerly wind at ten last night a heavy
gale of wind Bar 29 of eleven. Haul a foretopmast staysail to bear
at daylight blew the close reefed main sheet to bear
it being with a heavy snow squall at dark
laying under a main sheet
Hired a twelve barrel cask of oil burst between
decks lost the whole of it Lat 45° 30' Long 16°

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Tuesday April 26th 1853

Commenced with a strong N.W. gale logging under of main spars at daylight more moderate Bar $29\frac{5}{10}$ At noon Bar 30 Sailed best moderate Bent a new Main topsail steering by the sun to the N.W. Lat $45^{\circ}00'$ Long $165^{\circ}00'$ E

Wednesday April 27

Commenced with moderate westerly wind hailing gradually to the southward at daylight South with moderate weather and all sail out steering North, Bent a new Jib Fore topsail and Foresail at two P.M. it commenced raining at eleven A.M. at six P.M. ship under double reef, of topsails At six A.M. Bar $30\frac{2}{10}$ Lat $46^{\circ}20'$ At six P.M. Bar $29\frac{5}{10}$ and falling

Thursday April 28

Commenced with strong S.W. wind steering N by W under double reef, of topsails at daylight more moderate at sunset calm with heavy swell running every way Lat $48^{\circ}40'$ Long $166^{\circ}45'$ E Bar $29\frac{3}{10}$

Friday April 29

Commenced with a calm middle part light westerly wind, Sailed best strong N.W. wind Ship under three close reef, of topsails and reef, of foresail Lat $49^{\circ}10'$ Long $167^{\circ}34'$ E Bar $29\frac{2}{10}$

Saturday April 30

Commenced with a strong westerly wind ship under close reef, of topsails middle part moderate with all sail out heading N.W. E by the wind Sailed best calm at three P.M. saw a sail to the N.W. Lat $50^{\circ}18'$ Long $169^{\circ}15'$ Bar $29\frac{3}{10}$

of Ship Niagara of Fair Haven from Wauke to the doctor

Sunday May 1st 1853

Commenced with a calm, middle part strong
S & E winds and a thick snow storm steering N.W.
under double reefed topsails, later part calm with
fog and heavy swell Bear 29

Set by act 59.10 Long 107.10 East

Monday May 2nd

Commenced with a calm middle and later
part strong N.W. winds and snowing
at dark ship under double reefed topsails
heaving N.E. with a heavy swell running from
the S & E and N.E. and I think there must
be a strong N.E. gale to the Northwest of
Bearings Island Bear 29½

Tuesday May 3rd

Strong westerly winds and snow starting by the
wind to the N.E. at eight A.M. saw
Bearings Island to the Northward at three P.M.
I went on shore; saw quite a number of
foxes and I shot one at seven P.M. I am
on board and run d and spoke the
Isaac Hicks of N. London nothing seen bearing
the Islands

Wednesday May 4th

Light winds fresh S.W. to S.E. steering
North until three o'clock last night and
N.West by compass Bearings Island in
sight to the southward.

Isaac Hicks in sight at seven
P.M. light winds from the S.E.
Set 55.30 Long 105.30 East

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Thursday May 5th 1853

Commences with a moderate Easterly wind steering to the N.N.W. at daylight wind North steering by the wind to the W.N.W. at noon saw the Land in the Lat 56:45 ten miles dist and the Ice breaking off to the ship but very much broken. We then tacked to the E.N.E. and breezing on at Seven P.M. shot under double reefed topsails and reefed foresail thick weather and snowing. Saw a sail to the southward passed through thick water this morning about thirty miles from land. Lat 56:45 Long 169:40 E Bar at dark 29 $\frac{7}{10}$

Friday May 6

Commences with strong Northerly wind steering by the wind to the E.N.E. at nine o'clock lost sight of land in sail to a close reefed main topsail and staysail at ten A.M. saw moderate wind N.N.E. made double reefed topsails and wore ship to the N.W. Weather thick and water blue. Lat by acct 56:50 Long 164:50 Bar at dark 29 $\frac{6}{10}$

Saturday May 7

Strong wind from the N.N.E. carrying close reefed topsails to hold on. Saw a ship supposed it to be the Charley Carroll of N.L. At dark blowing heavy from the N.N.E. and a thick snow storm. Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$

Sunday May 8

A strong N.N.E. gale and heavy swell forcing heaving to the Eastward under short sail. A thick snow storm logging under short sail. Cold and disagreeable. Sail in sight two miles off. Bar 29 $\frac{4}{10}$

of Ship Niagara of Fairban with Hancock^{Sec}.

Monday May 9th 1859

Commenced with a strong N.E. gale heading to the Eastward under a clear but main topsail and reefed foresail at daylight more moderate with the wind heading to the North at two P.M. wind N.N.W. were ship to the west and set double reefed topsails and courses thick weather and the our full of snow. Saw one sail to the westward
Lat 56:53 Long 105 E Bar at dark 29.5

Tuesday May 10th

Moderate winds from the N.W. at dark tacked to the N.E. at five A.M. tacked to the West at one P.M. saw the land and stood into it saw no ice except a little along shore the ship full of snow. Saw three furbacks, going to the Eastward at sunset saw two whales going N.W. and did not ascertain what they were at four P.M. tacked to the N.E.
Lat 57 W Long 103:00 Bar 29.5

Wednesday May 11

Wind N.W. to North and snowing with the sun out at three A.M. tacked to the west at ten A.M. got up to the ice in the fog it cleared up a little and saw the land two miles off at six P.M. tacked to the East
Bar 29.10 Lat 57:23 Long 103 W

Thursday May 12

A moderate N.E. wind steering by the wind to the E.S.E. until seven A.M. when we tacked to the N.W. at four P.M. made the land with the ice more off about two miles and tacked to the E.S.E.

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Friday May 13th 1858

Light winds from N. to N.W. steering by the wind
to the N.E. saw five sails; at seven P.M. spoke
the Bark Pioneer of New Bedford nothing this
season, Water thick saw the land to the N.W.
Lat. 57:31 N Long 164:00 Best Bar 30

Saturday May 14

Commenced with a light N.W. wind but heeled
to the East in the morning steering to the
Northward at ten A.M. spoke the Magnolia
of New Bedford nothing this season
at seven P.M. spoke the Isora. Hicks with
her first whale got him yesterday
and saw the Mary of Amherst cutting
get her whale. To day reported seeing
quite a number of whales about
Saw the same ship nothing this season
Saw several other ships
Lat 69:03 Long 178:45 Bar 30

Sunday May 15

Light N.W. winds driving saw quite a
number of whales struck to the westward
and drew the Iron it not being half
put in and a good chance Bar 30
Saw the Magnolia get a whale her first
Eleone ship in sight Lat 58:50 Long 160

Monday May 16

Light winds from the N.W. saw two
whales and struck and killed to the Starboard
best went on and struck the first whale
with the Starboard and got shore
took the whale to the ship at one P.M.
commenced cutting at five fms but
saw three other ships get whales
Lat 60:00 Long 160 West

Ship Niagara of Fairhaven off Mount Ozema

Tuesday May 17th 1858
Strong winds from the W.S.W. saw the
Ice and a few whals but to shy to
strike, sent in sight to the North
Spoke the John of New Bedford
nothing this season saw eleven sails
Lat 59 20 Long 166 20 Bar 30

Wednesday May 18
Light winds from the W.N.W. cruising
saw no whals spoke the Navigator of
Fairhaven nothing this season
Saw the Ice drifting fast to the East
at dark finished sailing
Nine sails in sight
Lat 58 48 Long 166 40 Bar 30

Thursday May 19
Light winds from the West with Ice and Sails
in sight. Saw one whale with another ship
hunting after him. Spoke the Semaroo of
Fairhaven one whale this season
got four Right whals in the Indian
Ocean coming out
Lat 58 38 Long 167 Bar 30

Friday May 20
Light westerly winds steering on different tracks
Saw the Ice to the N.W. But no whales
at ten A.M. ran into blue water at four
P.M. tacked to the S.W. as I want to
get one degree to the west saw three
ships steering to the N.E.
saw one ship sailing
Lat 59 00 Long 167 00 Bar 30

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Saturday May 21st 1853

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the West
but hauled around to the S. E. in the
morning and in the afternoon commenced
snowing, Ice to the westward saw one
seal, stowed down 150 bb of oil
No Ice; at dark Bar 29.5

Sunday May 22

Commenced with a fresh S. E. wind and
snow; with fog kept her S. W. W. and
ran into the Ice and thick water
kept too to get out of it at daylight
the wind hauled to the West at eight
A. M. kept her S. E. at sunset wind West.

Lat 63.46 Long 167 Bar 29.5

Monday May 23.

Light variable winds at daylight
saw six spots boiling spoke the Heron
2 Whales, At ten A. M. fastened to a
Whale and cut the line off with
the recent Iron Sled and Ice
Lat 59.35 Long 171.00 Bar 29.5

Tuesday May 24

Light westerly winds
steering to the N. E. at eleven A. M. saw
two Right whales a cow and calf lowered
the three starboard boats and struck to
the starboard and hauled to the West
at two P. M. took then to the Star.
at half past three commenced cutting
at half past seven finished cutting the
cow

Lat 59.00 Long 172 Bar 29.6

of Ship Niagara of Buckner in the French Harbor ^{See}

Wednesday May 25th 1853
Moderate Westerly winds at daylight
cut in our whale and then kept the
Ship N.E. spoke the Dromo of London
two whales ten seals in sight
one boiling Lat 60:00 Long 171:49
Bar 29.8

Thursday May 26
Commenced with a light wind from the
E.N.E. steering by the wind to the
Northward at eight o'clock A.M. went
in among scattering ice and then
backing. Ship she fell off and struck
her bowsprit against piece of ice
and started it off sideways on its
side with and and splitting it about
four feet the lower part not starting
it being in a splice at the place
where it started. We then stood to the S.E.
clearing the ice until four P.M. and then tacked
to the N.W. and hoisted the main yard aback
at seven P.M. spoke the Ship Henson of Bremen
one whale the season Lat 60:30 Long 173:00
Bar 30

Friday May 27
A strong P.E. wind blowing under short
seil with fog and snow
Lat 60:10 Long 172:40 Bar 30

Saturday May 28
Strong N.E. Gale with fog blowing under
long seil. Signalled a ship with Red
Signal with a white W supposed it to
be the Warren of Holmes Hole
saw six other ships
Lat 60:30 Long 173:30 Bar 29.2

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Sunday May 29th 1853

Strong N E winds and fog very short sail until eight this morning when we made double reefed topsails and were ship to the N. W. at four P. M. came back to the E. S. E. saw four sails fog clearing and raining at times
Lat by altim 60:40 Long 174 00 Bar 29.8

Monday May 30

Strong N E gale heavy under short sail at seven the wind died away some and we started the tryworks spoke the Cumbric Nothing this season
Several other sails in sight
Lat by acct 60:30 Long 174 00 Bar 29.5

Tuesday May 31

Fresh N E wind, employed at boiling several sails in sight thick weather and raining

off
Wednesday June 1

First part light N E winds and fog under short sail being finished boiling at noon. Later part calm land in sight from North to West
at sunset saw four sails in shear

Thursday June 2

Light westerly winds steering in towards the land at nine A. M. got in to the land about ten miles from land found seven shots two or boiling at ten A. M. struck a whale to the crew boat and back in the day. At noon struck a whale in the Starboard boat and back

of Ship Niagara of Port of Lake of Lake St. Thomas

The first I saw of the ship and shot at it
being in the heavy fog and I had rather
to cut or lost my line
At six P.M. the Harbours and went
back fastened to another at the same
time and each one put one a line
not having ~~under~~ any secret from when the
first that. I cut my two lines together went
out of the boat caught the binnacle
in my shirt and took the secret
from out of the boat and me with it
carrying me some distance under the fog
and bruising me against it as the whale
was going quick, after getting clear of
the line I came up under a large
piece of ice and was nearly suffocated
before I could get out when the men
hauled me onto the ship I was speechless
but my sense of hearing and seeing
was perfect, when I was taken out of
the boat the men got the two lines
so we lost 400 fathoms of line

Like the Whaler of N. Sengler on the
set 60 58 Long 173-2

Friday June 3

Light easterly wind and calm ship
along side of the ice fastened to a float
along side of the ice and set her
a floating block and had to cut the
the ice to the harbour boat
Saw a flock of birds in the air
Like the Moxy & Scum of Menominee
When this season

Set 61 00

Long 173

[The mate's account, from the log of the Niagara, was printed
by Will Tripp in 1938 in There Goes Flukes, p. III.]

See The American Imagination at Work, pp 295-6

- Prof. B.C. Clough.

Private Journal of Captain Elough Master

Saturday June 4th 1853

Light Easterly wind and calm found
a whale in the Ice and set him a
sprung line and he went under
the heavy Ice. Spoke the Valtharano
by whale this season
shot along side of the Ice land ten
miles dist Lat 60° 58 Long 173

Sunday June 5th

Light variable winds and fog ship handy
to the Ice Spoke the Splendid of Edgerton
two Whales Lat 61 Long 173 10

Monday June 6th

Moderate S.W. winds steering along the Ice
to the N.E. Sailed several times
for whales saw a plenty of whales going
to the N.E.

Tuesday June 7th

Light S.W. winds working to the N.E.
saw quite a number of whales in the afternoon
going to the N.E. very quick
Spoke the Bark Baffin of N Bedford one whale
this season he having run North sixty miles
and saw a plenty of whales going to the
N.E. Lat 61:21 Long 175:00
Water 60 fathoms rock and coral

Wednesday June 8th

Very light S.W. winds and calm with
thick fog most of the time steering to the
N.E. at seven A.M. we made the
Ice One seal in sight
Lat 61:35 Long 176 or Over Ice

of Ship Rogers of New Bedford off Cape St. Michael

Thursday June 9
Calm and fog at sunset clear up some
saw 6 sails Lat 61:30 Long 176 30

Friday June 10
Light variable winds and calm spoke
the Isaac Hicks three Whales and reports
the Chomelle Price-Sawyer and also the
Ship Jewson of Nantucket lost in
the Sea off Combing Island in the
the Lat 44 or North

Saturday June 11
Light winds with calm and fog steering
to the N.E. Spoke the James Mowry within
this season. Capt. two Whales Falcon two
Whales and James Loper two Whales
Lat 61:35 Long 178

Saturday June 12
Light Northwesterly wind fresh easy sail
off the Sea Cape St. Michael N.E.
thirty miles Spoke the Jrs Howrath
three Whales Samuel Taborben three
and Black Eagle one whale

Sunday June 13
Light variable winds steering to the
Westward thirty five sails in sight
Spoke the Lister one Whale
Lat 61:40 Long 177 or East

Tuesday June 14
Light N.E. wind steering to the Westward
saw the Chomelle Price 9 Whales Thomas Dickson 1
Corcoran 1 Newton 4 Mary 5 Peirce 1

Private Journal of Benj. Blanch

Wednesday June 15-18

First part strong westerly wind later
port calm. Saw the Black Eagle fish
up her recent whale spoke the Walrus
4 Whales Lat 61:45 Long 177 00

Thursday June 16

Light variable winds and fog working
to the Eastward spoke the Liverpool
Nothing this season Middle part thick
fog Lat 61:50 Long 178

Friday June 17

Strong southerly winds steering to the
S.W. saw the small Cape St Thaddeus
spoke the Sagadahoc North New England
Nothing and Heron & Whales
Lat 69 00 Long 180 00

Saturday June 18

Steering down the land off Cape
St Thaddeus to the Northward
Lat 69 10 Long 179 West

Sunday June 19

Strong southerly winds steering to the
N.W. at Ten A.M. got to the Sea
in the Lat 64:25 and Long 178 West
and saw the all around to the Northward
spoke the Amoret fine Whales

Monday June 20

A strong southerly gale ship under
double reefed topsails to keep her off
the Sea to the North with a number
of seals in sight
Lat 64:25 Long 178 West

Master of Ship Niagara in the Snatcher see

Tuesday June 21 1858
Fresh southerly wind working to the windward
to get off Cape St Thedden as I think
we are to fear along
Quite a number of sail
Lat 64:10 Long 179 Wats 60 fathoms

Wednesday June 22
Thick southerly weather Ship under topsails
and courses Working the southward
Lat by acct 63:40 Long 178 W
Wats 60 fathoms

Thursday June 23
Fresh southerly wind thick fog in the after
noon the wind hauled some to the Eastward
Lat 63:10 Long 180 by acct
Wats 60 fathoms

Friday June 24
Strong wind from the S E by E
and thick fog heading to the southward
under sheet sail
Lat 62:30 Long 180 by acct
Wats 45 fathoms

Saturday June 25
Strong southerly gale working to the
Southward thick fog

Sunday June 26
Moderate wind from South to S E
and thick fog Saw Cape St Thedden
West one mile

Monday June 27
Ship up to the ice to the Northward
of Cape St Thedden saw quite a
number of whals but could not

Ornate Journal of Boyd Cleugh

Tuesday June 28th 1859

Strong Northerly saw quite a number
of whales going west to the southward
in the day saw the Eli Mandell
got her first whaling
at dark Cape St Shaddan west six
miles dist

Wednesday June 29

Ships in the Bay between Cape St Shaddan
and Penguin saw two whales
the Bark Amador got set up the
Bay by the ice and had to let go
his anchor and the Barks
of Sagharban

Thursday June 30

Sight southerly wind laying off Cape
Penguin at four P.M. kept her off
to the Northward saw the Amador get
out of the ice by the Bark Washington
remains spoke the Menhar 5 Whales
Lat 62:25 Long 180

Friday July 1

Sight southerly wind steering to the
Northward spoke the Carolans one whale
and Lere one whale saw one whale
going to the Southward Lat 63:25 Long 179:30

Saturday July 2

Steering to the Northward along the
ice spoke the Chamelle Price 4 cows
saw no whales
Lat 64:30 Long 178:00

Made 4 Ship Mergon in Bering Straights

Sunday July 3rd 1858

Strong southerly wind and thick fog steering to the East Lat 64 20 Long 174 W

Monday July 4

Moderate southerly wind and fog spoke the S. C. Birchmeyer three whales at sunset 25 fathoms of water ship between St Lawrence Island and Cape Adair

Tuesday July 5

First part light southerly wind steering to the westward later part calm foggy most of the time saw three seals

Wednesday July 6

First part light westerly winds later part Moderate N. E. winds at noon it is decided to keep her S. W. and go to Cape St Thaddeus again spoke the Navigator of Fairhaven four whales and Sealer four whales at eight P. M. spoke the Almorac and he reported little or nothing Lat 63 25 Long 173 30 West

Thursday July 7

Fresh S. E. winds steering S. W. in a thick fog and rain storm spoke the Couper one whale & the Hansa of Bremen one whale

Friday July 8

Light southerly winds and thick fog steering by the wind to the West until midnight when we saw the land Cape St Thaddeus came too with main gear aback a few miles from the land in a thick fog

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough Master

Saturday July 9th 1853.

Light variable winds and thick fog
Saw first wind North saw the ice in
the fog supposed it to be off Cape St
Maddens.

Sunday July 10th

Light variable winds on different tacks
out ten o'clock in the forenoon the fog cleared
away Cape St. Maddens to the N.E.W.
dist 20 miles Saw twelve sails
Saw a plenty of ice to the S.W.

Monday July 11

Fresh Southerly winds; Cruising among the
land and sea. Saw one whale but did
not lower for him as we only saw
him twice, saw a bark get a whale
hook the fin of a B. one whale
which he picked up.

Lat 63:20 North Long 181:00 West

Tuesday July 12

Fresh Southerly Saw quite a number
of whales in the sea struck one
by the Starboard boat and lost
him in the sea Struck another
by the Bow Boat and saved him
at eight P.M. took him along side
and commenced cutting
Sailed to the West 20 miles dist
Saw the frigate Berfy her secretary
whale Lat 63 30 Long 179:30 East

of Shitk Niggoroo in the Throader Sea

Wednesday July 13
Dreft, southerly wind at midnight
finished cutting our whale
At ten o'clock lowered her whales
struck to the Bow Boat and
killed to the same at two o'clock
P.M. took him along side at
three commenced cutting at eight
finished saw the Inlets of N.B.
Got two whales and the James Loper
got one four more seals in sight
Two of them a boiling
Saw quite a number of whales
in the Sea, Found the In
very much scattered to day
Saw a nest dirt 25 miles
Lat 63:35 Long 179:30 East

Thursday July 14
Strong Easterly winds with thick fog
and rain Employed at boiling
Lat 63:40 Long 179:20

Friday July 15
First part strong winds from the S.E.
but at midnight it hauled to the N.W.
and at noon to the S.W. saw Ice
to the N.W. and sent the boats in
but saw no whales, And I shall
work to the southward again as I
find that the Shitk is forty miles
to the southward of where it
we got the whale, two seals in
sight one of them boiling.
Saw to the west 40 miles
Lat 64:15 Long 179:40 East
Spoke the Chino 5 Whales and Sphor 5

Private Journal of Berthel Church, Master.

Saturday July 16th

Light variable winds steering by the wind on different tacks saw the Ice in the Sat 6:50 Steved in to the land but saw nothing, at six P.M. light her off N.E. by compass
Sat 6:50 Long 179 00 East

Sunday July 17

First part light westerly winds steering N.E. Later lost action
Sat 6:30 Make the Black Eagle three Whales

Monday July 18

Light winds and calms saw the Black Eagle pick up a dead Whale
We stowed down 160 bb of oil

Tuesday July 19

Light South East winds working to the Northward in the afternoon saw a number of Shih cutting and boring
Stowed down 100 bb of oil
Saw the Ice to the N.W. but could not get to on account of the current which prevent us from steering the Shih with up a breeze

Wednesday July 20th

Light Easterly winds and fog saw quite a number of Whales in the Ice but could not get on
Nineteen Shih in sight
Sat 6:35 Long 179.00 West

of Ship Merganser of Fairport in the Straits

Thursday July 21

Light winds and calm at Capt
A. M. saw or about whale in the
Sea and took him along side
and put him in

Spoke the Bark Arader 5 Males

" " " " " 3 Males

" " " " " 7 Males

Lat 63 40 Long 179

Brought 3537 Gall of Sheds of the Arader

Friday July 22 at 7, her full

light northerly winds and fog
Sent the boat in to the Sea but
saw no whales Spoke the Dalton
one whale

Saturday July 23

A strong N.W. gale Twenty one sail
in sight Finerken, boifin. Spoke the
Arader 7 Males Black Warrior 5 Males
Brooklyn 6 Males Scotland 5 Males
James 3 Males Martha 11 Males
And heard that the Mate of the
Somerlone got his arm so badly
wounded with a whaling gun that
it was feared that he would lose
it Lat 64:40 Long 180:00

Sunday July 24

Broke Northerly wind, steering by the
wind to the N.E. saw nothing
Stowed down 98 bb of oil
Lat 64:41 Long 179 West

Private Journal of Benja. Clough Master

Monday July 25th 1858

Strong winds from the N.W. steering N.E. by E
at seven in the morning got to the
Land Cape Beering sent the mate
on board of the Columbus of
New London and he reported one hundred
and fifty sails in the Straights
and Arctic but had seen no whals
and one half of them nothing this
season. So I have concluded to
go back to the West shore again
the Columbus had seen a few
whals yesterday in to the Land
Three Canoes came on board but
had nothing to trade
At seven in the evening spoke
the Good Return three Whales

Tuesday July 26

Strong S.E. wind steering to the
N.W. at five P.M. ^{Saw 1st} took him
Along side saw several a number
of sails steering to the N.E.

Wednesday July 27

Moderate S.E. wind finished cutting
our whale out midnight and lost
one side of the Bone it however
dressed out before he came along side
At ten o'clock A.M. saw the Land
bearing west ten miles ten fathoms
water saw a few whals going to
the southwest
Later boat strain S.E. winds
shift under double reefed topsails
Lat 64 23

of the Boigara of Gasharen in the Anadek Sea.

Thursday July 28

Light S & E winds with heavy swell saw
quite a number of whales in the morning
heaving in to the land the Gavel
Pictou struck which galled the
whales and they all left the
wind died away and we could not
go to look for more.

Finished being at four o'clock this
morning. Sailed west ten miles.

Friday July 29

Saw a plenty of whales but shy
could not get fast. Sailed West
ten miles. Lat 64 15

Saturday July 30

Saw a plenty of whales but could
not get fast.

Lat 64 11

Sunday July 31

Saw a plenty of whales. Wait boat
went on and the Boatswain
did not lasten made an excuse
that he fell down. But I think
he was afraid he was so near
and I gave him a pretty severe
talking to and boxed his ears.
Went in to the land but saw
no whales from there. Sailed
found a large river in the lat
64 05

Private Journal of Benf. Clough Master

Monday Aug 1 1859
First part calm. Later part moderate
winds from the E.S.E. Saw quite
a number of whales at five o'clock.
in the Afternoon. Struck on to
the Sableford boat at seven took
him to the Ship. Sent to the
west ten miles & sent in sight
Bar 29 $\frac{9}{10}$

Tuesday Aug 2^d
Commenced with fresh winds from
the E.S.E. commenced cutting our
whale at nine o'clock. Finished at
three in the morning. Sent to the
W.C.W. three miles dist.
Good Return in sight. Boiling
Bar 29 $\frac{8}{10}$

Wednesday Aug 3^d
Fresh Easterly winds carrying double
reef, topsails to keep off the land.
Boiling. Good Return in sight.
Boiling. Bar 29 $\frac{7}{10}$

Thursday Aug 4^d
A strong Easterly gale carrying double
reef, & topsails to keep off the
land. Finished boiling at seven o'clock.
this morning. Good Return in sight.
Bar 29 $\frac{6}{10}$

Friday August 5^d
First part a strong Easterly gale. Later part
light winds and fog under short sail.
Bar 29 $\frac{3}{10}$

of the Niagara in the Arctic Sea

Saturday Aug 6th 1858
Light variable winds with rain steved
down 250 bbls of oil nothing in sight
Bar $29\frac{4}{10}$

Sunday Aug 7
Fresh southerly winds at six o'clock in
the morning made low land making
North and South and ran the ship to
the north along the shore at ten o'clock
saw quite a number of bears on the
land went in with the boat and shot
one weighing about 600 lbs
at three P.M. came on board
found the Lat to be $64^{\circ}55'$ and
the Ship four degrees to the west of
the Chronometer working to the
S.W. Bar $29\frac{5}{10}$

Monday Aug 8
first part gradually southerly
winds working to the S.W.
later part a strong gale from
the N.W. & ship under short sail
17 fathoms water Bar $29\frac{3}{10}$ Rain
Lat $64^{\circ}30'$ Long 179° or East

Tuesday Aug 9
A strong Easterly gale carrying
sail to keep off the land
thick fog and ten fathoms of water

Wednesday Aug 10
first part strong Easterly winds
later part light southerly winds and
calms I have concluded to go into
the Arctic Ocean Lat $64^{\circ}08'$

Private Journal of Benjⁿ. Clough Master

Thursday Aug 11th 1853

Light winds from S.E. to E steering by the wind to the N.E. At four o'clock in the afternoon saw the land to the northward
Saw a large quantity of finches
Lat 64:35 Bar 29.7

Friday Aug 12th

A strong Northerly wind steering East at seven o'clock in the morning Cape Beering bearing north at four P.M. get up to Cape Voss at sunset calm with Indian point in sight from the deck to the N.E. Saw a plenty of Humpbacks between Cape Beering and Cape Voss. (And still)

Saturday Aug 13

Calm through the night with fog and rain towards noon a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Northward in the Straights

Sunday Aug 14

Light Easterly winds and calms & fog at noon spoke the Columbus & N.L. 1 Right whale in the afternoon it cleared up some and we saw fishy sails Saw a few Boats and three ships
Boiling

Monday Aug 15

A strong Northerly gale spoke the Cor. Spedant 6 Whales and 12 or 13 whales the South Cape of St. Lawrence Bay North ten miles Saw the Isle of San Francisco Nothing and Splendid Whales Saw one Boats

of the Niagara of Tachon in Behring -

Tuesday Aug 16
A heavy Northerly gale laying under
short sail, under the south head
of St Lawrence Bay at noon blowing
very heavy ships under close reefed topsails
Lat 65:20 Long by Lant 171:10
By Chronometer 172:23

Wednesday Aug 17
Commenced with a strong northerly gale
ship under short sail with fog and
rain Bar 29:0 in the morning rather
less wind turned to the west ten miles
Twenty sails in sight

Thursday Aug 18
Moderate northerly winds and clear
weather saw no whales at sunset the
south head of St Lawrence Bay at 11
fifteen miles. Saw the Rainbow and
rather beat him sailing
Lat 65:10 Long 171:20

Friday Aug 19
Fresh Northerly winds steved up to the
St Lawrence Bay and saw quite a
number of ships

Spoke the New England four Whales
Carnegie Hookland Six Whales
Damon & Humbal Two Whales
Phillip Delano One Whale
Valparaiso Two Whales
Sighted of St Jean Francesa Bark
being lost
Saw a few whales in the Bay

Private Journal of Benj^r Blough Master

Saturday August 20th 1858
Moderate northerly—working the ship
up towards the straits in company
with about thirty sails. Beat the
Coast of Holland six miles in nine hours
to windward at four P.M.
ship within one mile of the town
on the East Cape of Asia when it
came in a thick fog.

Sunday Aug 21st
Light N.E. wind steering to the N.W. along
the land in the straits. Twenty five sails
in sight at four P.M. saw ship a whaling
and two or boiling at six P.M. saw a
ship got a whale to the west of us
Lat at the place she got her whale 66:55
Long 172:30

Monday Aug 22nd
Light Northerly wind and calm, with thick
fog at nine o'clock last night spoke the Bark
Alice Traeger of Beilby and wished me
to report him nothing.
At eight o'clock in the morning spoke the
Chimney of New Bedford five whales
Lat 67:20
Long 172:30

Tuesday Aug 23rd
Light northerly winds and calms spoke
the Young Sea, five whales—and boat
broke his Chronometer at three o'clock
in the afternoon in come in fog
and let the ship come too close
the C.N.E. made double reefed topsails

of the Mayflower of Fairhaven in the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Aug 24

Fresh northerly winds and thick fog with rain - heading to the N. E. under double reefed topsails, water light green, and Secor's fathoms

Thursday Aug 25

Fresh northerly winds with rain and snow in the morning the weather cleared up some saw a fore and aft schooner steering to the westward - saw two ships boiling at six P. M. land south fifteen miles
Lat 67:14 Long 171:30

Friday Aug 26

Fresh NW winds steering N. N. E. at six in the morning spoke the Caravan cutting four whales saw the Magnolia nine whales and Breizenger one at two P. M. spoke the Cornelia Howland six whales saw quite a number of whales the coast boat went on and missed - broke the Boatstave saw six ships get whales
Twenty five sails in sight

Lat 67:45 Long 159:00 W.

Fresh S

Saturday Aug 26

Strong NW to West winds with snow squalls at eight in the morning struck a whale to the Larboard boat and got the Boat badly stuck killed to the mast, at one P. M. commenced cutting at five finished, spoke the South Boston 900. lbs this season
2400 lbs altogether
thirty sails in sight ten or twelve
Lat 67:50 Long 169:00

Private Journal of Benja. Clough

Sunday Aug 28th 1853-

Moderate southerly winds - cruising several times for whales but could not get on, saw three ships get whales
Saw sixtyfour sails from aloft
Lat 67:53 North Long 169 00 west

Monday Aug 29th

Light winds and calms employed at Boiling spoke the Bark Russell of San Francisco. shot 4 Provisions and let him have Eight bb of Beef and two of Pork She holed four whales spoke the Eliza Adams 9 Males and Chinese Eight saw a very few whales Lat 68:00 Long 169:00 West

Tuesday Aug 30

First part, ~~light~~ calm gentle and and later part strong S E gales with fog and rain, Sailing under short sail

Got a number of shots in right boiling, At seven in the morning we finished boiling

Wednesday Aug 31

Commences with a strong S. E. wind and fog - middle part more moderate with rain later part the wind hauled to the west - saw no whales
Got a number of shots a boiling

Master of the Niagara in the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Sept 1st 1853

Light variable winds and fog stored
150 bb of oil at three o'clock in
the afternoon saw whales going to the
South lowered at struck to the
sawboard boat in hauling on to
home the whale got the bottom
of the boat stern in killed
to the west out. Caught in the
evening took the whale to the ship
saw the Bernier's Greenland get a
whale

Friday Sept 2

Light variable winds and fog
Curt in our whale saw the Bartholomew
Garnet get a whale which makes him four

Saturday Sept 3

Light variable winds with fog and
rain Employed at boiling
Saw twenty ships when the fog cleared
up a little two of them at boiling
No Obs since the twenty eighth

Sunday Sept 4

First part light northerly wind and rain
Middle part Calm with heavy swell
Later part strong southerly wind
at three o'clock in the afternoon spoke
the Olga Sisters ten whales 1250 bb
and Ligeia 5 whales

Sept 6 7 30 Long 170.30

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Monday Sept 5

A strong southerly gale. Sailing two
under short sail. finished berling
at daylight saw quite a number of
Griffins. Lat 68 00 Long 169 25

Tuesday Sept 6

Light variable winds and calm, stowed
down 100 bl of oil. the mate of
the South Boston ^[see overboard? see.] got as it was
foggy I am afraid she got lost in
the fog Lat 68 00 Long 170

Wednesday Sept 7

Light N E winds and a thick fog
Saw two seals in the fog

Thursday Sept 8

Light Northerly winds and fog Ship
laying aback at four P.M. spoke the
Chandler Price 2000 bl and Monks
Eight whales

Friday Sept 9

Strong Northerly winds and fog
Spoke the Cornelius Howland
Eight whales and as the weather
has proved to be so bad we
concluded to leave for the Sandwich
Islands. Left by Oct 67 40 Long 170 East

Saturday Sept 10

At daylight kept off for the straits
At four P.M. saw Cape East in the
fog two miles distant and let the
Ship come to the wind until
a strong wind North with rain and fog
ship in darkness

of the Niagara from the straits to the S. S.

Monday Sept 11th 1853
Commenced with strong northerly wind and rain; we lay with the main yard aback until five o'clock this morning when we heeled of to the southward in company with the Com. Howard Chandler Price Menhau Indian Chief and three other vessels at nine o'clock passed East Cape and at sunset got to the North head of St Lawrence bay. Wind light and variable with some fog.

In the morning we saw a flock of Humpbacks about half way between East Cape and the Desmedes and also saw ice of East Cape which I suppose came from the North.
Lat 65° 50' Long 109° 45' Bar 29.5

Monday Sept 12

Strong northerly winds steering to the southward at seven o'clock in the morning, Cape Chaplin to the west; at noon the north part of St Lawrence Island to the east,

Passed the Carriacou of Balbriner steering south at sunset saw another south about six miles dist.

Sent a new Mammogottoutsoit and sent out the Forehmaster's clothing seal

Lat 63° 45' Long 172° 15' West Bar 29.5

Tuesday Sept 13th

Strong N.W. wind steering S.S.E. at four P.M. sent three Boats on shore at the East end of St Mathias Island to get wood but it was too rough to land caught three codfish

Lat 60° 40' Long 172° 15' West Bar 29.5

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Wednesday Sept. 14th 1858
Light winds from North to west steering S. S. E.
with all sail out, Bent a new Main-sail
Fly Jib & Fore-topgallant-sail
Saw the Great Return and another ship
chasing a whale
Lat 58:50 N Long 172:08 W Bar 29.6

Thursday Sept 15th
Commenced with light Northerly winds
but kept hauling gradually to the
S. E. Ship on both tacks
Lat 68 00 Long 172 10 Bar 29.6

Friday Sept 16
Commenced with moderate southerly winds
but at nine o'clock last night it changed
suddenly to the N. W. and we kept
S. S. E. for a passage through the Islands
Strong winds and rough ship going ten
miles an hour
Lat 66:01 N Long 172:19 Bar 29.70

Saturday Sept 17
Light winds from the westward steering
S. S. E. by compass in the morning The
wind hauled to the Northward
At nine o'clock in the morning saw two
of the fastslands one of the starboard
beam and the other of the larboard
beam In the afternoon the wind
hauled to the S. W. At sunset
Lat 52:05 N Long 171.05 One of the
Islands North twenty miles
Bar 30.10

the Navigator of Fair Haven from the Arctic to the S. Islands

Sunday Sept 18th 1853

First part light and later part fresh.
S.W. winds with fog steering S.E.
with all sail out

Sat by account 50:30 Long 170 Bar 30

Monday Sept 19th

First and middle part fresh S.W. winds
steering S.E. by E. At three o'clock in
the afternoon the wind hauled to the
N.W., thick fog the whole twenty four
hours set the main top gaff and mizzen
Sail 48:20 Lat Long 166:50 Bar 30

Tuesday Sept 20th

Light winds the whole twenty four hours
from S.W. to N.W. ship going about one
knot sent up the Fore top gallant studding
sail & Fore and Mizzen Beryals

Sat 46 30 Long 165:30 Bar 30 to

Wednesday Sept 21

Commences with moderate S.E. winds
at seven o'clock in the Evening tacked
to the S.S.W. and went on that
tack until ten in the forenoon
when the wind hauled south and
we tacked to the E.S.E. thick fog
Sat 45 00: Long 165:00 Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$

Thursday Sept 22

Moderate S.S.W. winds steering by the wind to
the S.E. At noon the wind hauled aft some
and we set the studding sails; at dark
the wind N.W. very light
thick fog until noon

Sat 43:20 Long 162:30 Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough Master

Friday Sept 23rd. 1859

Light winds from West to S.W steering S.E.
with all sail out.

Took up our deck sheathing,

In the afternoon a heavy swell from
the N.W

Lat 40:24 N Long 161:00 W Bar 30

Saturday Sept 24

Commenced with light S.W winds, at
Midnight, it hauled to the west;

At three o'clock in the morning, to

the N.W. and at daylight E.N.E

Steering S.E. by Compass

Employed at washing the ship inside

Lat 38:00 Long 159:36 Bar 29.7

Sunday Sept 25

Light northerly winds and fine weather
all sail out; steering S.E. by Compass

Lat 36 06 Long 168:36 Bar 30

Monday Sept 26

Light wind from north to E.S.E
steering S.E. and by the wind

at dark the wind S.E. all sail

out Employed at mending boots and
washing ship outside

Lat 34:21 Long 167:10 Bar 30

Tuesday Sept 27

Commenced with light S.E. winds steering
by the wind to the S.S.W. at midnight

the wind hauled to the S.S.W

when we tacked to the S.E. at four

P.M. saw a sail to windward

Employed at drying Bone

Lat 33:00 Long 164:00 Bar 30

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Ship ~~Niagara~~ of Fairhaven from the Arctic to the

Wednesday Sept 28 1858

Strong S.W. winds, steering by the wind
to the S.E. later part wind very
strong ship under topsails
Saw a sail to the westward
Lat 30:45 Long 154:25 Bar 29.8

Thursday Sept 29

Light winds from the S.W. steering by
the wind to the S.S.E. Bundled and
stowed away 6000 lbs of bone
One of my men a native of Borotengo
died of the consumption at six o'clock
this morning, and we buried him
at six this evening
Lat 28 15 Long 153 20 Bar 29.7

Friday Sept 30

Light southwest winds, steering by the wind
to the S.S.E. finished our bone and
stowed it away 10,000 lbs
at dark wind S.S.W.

Lat 26:30 Long 153 35 Bar 29.6

Saturday October 1

Light variable winds and calms steering
by W. Employed at painting boats
reovering rigging &c

Lat 26 00 North Long 153 50 Bar 29.6

Sunday Oct 2

A very light wind from the S.E. steering
by the wind to the S.S.W. with Pigeons
out. A heavy swell from the N.W.
Lat 25:33 North Long 154 05 Bar 29.6

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Monday October 3rd 1853

Commenced with light S & E winds steering S. by W. by compass, middle part light Northerly winds, later part fresh Easterly winds with heavy swell from the N.E.W. Employed at bleaching the Iron work at three o'clock in the afternoon saw a large ship steering West Lat 24:17 Long 154:30 Bar 30

Tuesday October 4

Fresh N & E winds, steering S. S. W. with all sail out, at two o'clock in the afternoon saw the east end of Maui south of us at dark we hauled aboard of the passage to Maui for daylight to go on to Lapeoua, at three o'clock in the afternoon parted the Fly Sub slay Lat 21:48 Long 155:45 Bar 30

Wednesday Oct 5

Strong N. & E. Breeze at daylight kept off for Lapeoua at two P.M. let go our anchor in company with the Ship Europa and Bark Mary Gordon

of the Niagara of Fair Haven

Monday October 24th 1850

At ten o'clock in the morning took our anchor and at two in the afternoon I came on board and started for Fairhaven leaving forty shib at anchor

Tuesday October 25

Moderate winds and calms steering S. by E. with all sail out saw Maui astern and Hawaii to the Eastward
Lat 19:47 North Long 157 40 Bar 30

Wednesday October 26

Calm the most of the time these twenty four hours, When the sun arose saw Hawaii to the East at sunset a light wind from the S. S. E. steering by the wind to the S. W. Lat 19:19 Long 157 40 Bar 30

Thursday Oct 27

Light winds from S. E. to E steering by the wind and S. S. E. Breeze out
Lat 17:25 Long 158:08 Bar 30

Friday Oct 28

Moderate Easterly winds steering S. S. E. with royals out

Lat 17:34 N Long 157:31 Bar 30

Saturday Oct 29

Moderate Easterly winds steering S. S. E. with Main Breeze out

Lat 12:16 Long 157 28 Bar 30

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Sunday October 30th 1853

Strong winds from the E. & S. to E steering
S. S. E. and by the wind with the
topgallant sails out

Lat 9:05 North Long 156:45 Bar 29.7

Monday Oct. 31st

Fresh winds from the S. E. steering by
the wind to the S. S. W. under topsails

Frequent squalls of rain

Lat 7:00 Long 157 20 B 29.8

Tuesday November 1

Moderate winds from the S. E. and S. E. by E
steering by the wind to the S. S. W. with
the Main Breeze cut

Lat 5:04 Long 157:50 Bar 29.7

Wednesday November 2

Moderate winds from the S. E. and S. E. by E
steering by the wind to the S. S. W. with
the Main Breeze cut

Lat 2:30 North Long 158:40 Bar 29.7

Thursday November 3 At noon saw Jarvis Island West

Fresh S. E. winds steering by the wind to the
S. S. W. with topgallant sails out

At seven O'clock this morning crossed the
Equator Lat 00 33 N. South Long 160 10 W Bar 30

The page that we dwell on most fondly, through life
is the tender the love-beaming eye of a wife
How cheering her welcoming glance to receive
returning, exhausted and weary at one

the chair duly set and the fire burning bright
while the gaslamp diffuses a soft mellow light

the evening meal ready, we chat over our tea

that shall be ever delightful to me

The Niagara from Maui to Fairhaven

Friday November 4th 1858

First part strong winds from the S E
Middle part Fresh winds from the E S E
Later part strong winds from the East
steering by the wind to the southward
with topgallant sails out

Lat 9:53 South Long 156:46 W Bar 30

Saturday November 5

Moderate winds from the E or E steering S. S. E.
with the Main Topped out

Ship made two hundred miles distance

Lat 7:00 Long 159:40 Bar 30

Sunday November 6

Commenced with moderate winds from the Eastward
Later part light winds from E by N to E S E
steering by the wind with all sail out

Lat 10 00 S Long 159 30 Bar 30

Monday November 7

Light variable winds and calms but mostly from
the S E steering by the wind to the S W

Lat 11:30 S Long 160 19 Bar 30 saw a sail to the west

Tuesday November 8

First part Light winds and calms later part Moderate
winds from S E to E S E steering by the wind
to the southward perfect a sail

Lat 13:36 Long 161:15 Bar 30

Wednesday November 9

First part light S E winds middle and later part
strong N E wind steering by the wind and
and S. E. at heavy swell from the southward

Lat 15:30 Long 161 46 Bar 30

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Wednesday Nov 10 1859
Winds from S to E steering by the wind
on both tacks frequent squalls of wind
and rain.

Lat 16 36 Long 161 10 Bar 29.8
Strong S E winds steering by the wind
to the S. S. W under double reefed Fore
and Masted topsails and whole main
mainsail burnt the southward
Lat 17 50 Long 161 10 Long 29.8

Saturday Nov 12
Strong winds from the S E steering by
the wind to the S. S. W at four in the
afternoon tacked ship to beat up to Pierotungo
130 Miles to the East of us and to the
windward to get wood and board some
there I shipped last section

Set at four o'clock when we tacked
20 30 Long 162 14 Bar 30

Sunday Nov 13
Strong S E winds steering by the wind to the
N E untill six in the Evening when we saw the
Island of Whymotake to the E. W. we then tacked
to the Southward

Lat 18 40 Long 161 40 Bar 30

Monday November 14
Strong winds from E. S. E. to S. S. E steering by the
wind to the S. S. W untill 3 P. M. when we tacked
to the N E Lat 20 24 Long 161 15

The Ship Niagara from Maui to Puerhona

Many an engagement has been broken off, many a seeming affection will not stand the test of the long absence of a shaking voyage, many young ladies taking into serious consideration the old proverb of
"a bird in the hand" &c

When they come to part he to look for the sake of one beloved a new motive for exertion, and she to think of him, and pray for his prosperity and a speedy return, Oth one! I should like to see the finale of half a dozen such romances, whose commencement has been under my notice

Tuesday Nov 15th

Light winds from West to S.W. by the wind working up to Port George at daylight saw the Island to the S.E. at dark the Island to the south 18 miles. wind very light from the south

Set 20 50 Log 100 10 Ber 30
Saw a Motu of the Island of Port George
died to day of Timings Evil

Wednesday Nov 16th

Moderate winds from the Southward working up for the Island of Port George at nine o'clock in the P.M. I went on shore to get wood and vegetables, at five in the afternoon left with five boat loads of wood 50 Hogs 60 Bunches of Pennas 25 lbs of Potatoes 3 Bbls of Yams 4 Ducks 12 Turkeys and fifty fowls 300 Coconuts 5 barrels of Sugar 6 barrels of Sines 5 lbs of oranges &c Discharged two men and paid them off And paid the friends of two more that died on board Found the Motus as thorough and roguish as ever having to pay for everything about twice over

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I called on the Missionary, Mr. Pitman, at this station. He has resided at this station over twenty years. He says the natives are decreasing very fast, there being ten thousand Inhabitants when he came and only three thousand at present the deaths being more than the births yearly, the cause being the secondary stages of the curse of the Islands of the Pacific.

The Polar Star Capt. Hally left three days ago for New Zealand making ground.

The Montezuma Newlander left the 14th inst for a cruise and Home the Warren of Siskany left the 16th inst.

Perfene rorotonga miti; nue, nue, uidon totter
cushpi get de I - Tongata fererog de Mghena
apponget de comuer amun, get the Quadro spi

The best remedy for a sore throat is the juice of a
mistletoe with an arm in it

Niagara from Meratenago to Fairhaven

Thursday Nov 17th 1858

Light winds from the S.S.W. steering by the wind to the S.S.W. - Rather a heavy swell and I suppose it is owing to the strong winds to the southward of us
Lat 22° 00' S Long 159° 30' Bar 30

Friday Nov 18

Light winds from the S.S.W. and calm steering by the wind to the S.E.
Lat 23° 40' Long 157° 30' Bar 29.5

Saturday Nov 19

Calm with quite a swell from the southward
Lat 23° 30' Long 157° 45' Bar 30

Sunday November 20

First part calm - later very light winds from the S.E. steering by the wind to the southward
Lat 23° 38' Long 157° 00' Bar 30

Monday November 21

Light Easterly winds steering by the wind to the southward with all sail set
Lat 25° 13' Long 157° 40' Bar 30

Tuesday November 22

Light winds from S.E. to E steering by the wind to the southward
Lat 27° 13' Long 157° 55' Bar 30

Wednesday November 23

Very light winds from E to N steering by the wind and S by E by compass
Lat 28° 24' Long 158° Bar 30

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Thursday November 24 1853
Light variable wind from N to South
steering S S E and by the wind
Lat 29 30 Long 157 36 Bar 29.8

Friday November 25
Fresh southerly winds steering by the wind
to the E. S. E with topgallant sails out
I find the weather colder in the latitude
of thirty than I ever saw it before
Lat 30 34 S Long 160 00 Bar 29.7

Saturday November 26
Strong winds from the Southward steering by
the wind to the E. S. E with the Main
topgallant sail out
Lat 31 55 Long 163 36 Bar 30.0

Sunday November 27
Moderate winds from S. S. E. to S. S. W. steering
by the wind on both tacks as the wind
hereabouts trying to get to the Southward
Lat 32 46 Long 158 00 Bar 30.2

Monday November 28
Moderate winds from S to S E by south
steering by the wind on both tacks as
the wind favours us to get to the
Southward. Middle stitches the
Main top sail.

Lat 32 40 Long 150 40 Bar 30.6

Tuesday November 29
Moderate winds from S E to E steering by
the wind to the Southward Employed at
Middle stitching the Foretop sail. Top & Foretopmast stay
Lat 34 20 Long 151 24 Bar 30.6

Ship Margarita from Maui to Four Hove.

Wednesday November 30th 1858

Commenced with a light wind from the E.S.E.
but hauled gradually to the Northward; at daylight
wind N.E. steering S.S.E. to get to the south
at dark wind N.E. Barometer falling slowly
Lat 37 06 S Long 151 12 W Bar 30

Thursday December 1

Very light winds from North to West steering S.S.E.
A very heavy swell from the N.E.
Employed at repairing the Spunkier
Lat 39 01 Long 150 44 Bar 30 to

Friday December 2

Commenced with a light wind from the S.W.
but soon hauled to the E.S.E. and blew
on fresh in the morning. Later part
strong winds from the E.S.E.
Employed at mending the Brezack sail
Lat 40 25 S Long 150 55 W Bar 30 7/8

Saturday December 3

Strong winds from the E.S.E. to East steering by
the wind to the southward with the Mount Whigallentail
at four o'clock in the afternoon the wind hauled to the
Northward a little and we set the studding sails and kept
her S by E by compass a heavy swell from the S.W.
the whole twenty four hours
Lat 43 09 Long 151 09 Bar 30 4/5

Sunday December 4

Commenced with light winds from the E.S.E.
Middle part very light from W.E.N.E.
Later part from the N.E. steering S.S.E. and
S by E at 4 P.M. kept her S.E. by E.
Lat 46 04 Long 150 45 Bar 30 6/10

Private Journal of Benj Clough Master of Ship

Monday December 5th 1853

First part light N winds steering S E by E
Middle part light S W winds steering S E by E
Later part strong winds from the S. E. steering by
the wind to the E N E under topsails
Employed at making a topgallant studding sail out
of an topmost studding sail

Lat 46 30 South Long 149 00 West Bar 30 to

Tuesday December 6

Commences with strong winds from the S E but hauling
gradually to the southward. Later part S W by South
steering E by South by compass with Main topgallant
sail out. Employed at muddling the
studding sails. A very heavy southerly swell
and the ship running in the trough of the
mackerel her reel down every much, so that
we were obliged to the Sea bent on the davit
head. Lat 47 10 S Long 146 00 Bar. 29 to

Wednesday December 7.

Strong breezes from the S. W. steering S by E
by compass with all sail out
We have a fog squall passing over very few
minutes Yesterday we had water very blue
with a great many Albatrosses to day we have
Lead coloured water and no birds

Lat 48 42 S Long 140 00 W Bar 29 to

Thursday December 8

Moderate S W winds with heavy swell steering
E by compass - with Main Royal and Fore
and Main topgallant studding sails out
Set two casks of water below which
makes us fifty bb below decks

Lat 49 32 Long 135 00 Bar 29 to

Navigation from the Sandwich Islands to Fairhorne

Friday December 9th 1859
First part moderate winds from the SW.
Middle part light winds from the West.
Later part moderate winds from the SW.
Steering East by compass with the main reef
and fore and main topgallant standing sails
out not so much sea as there has been
for the last few days very few birds
Lat 50:00 S Long 130:00 W Bar 29.8

Saturday December 10th
Commences with a moderate south west wind
but soon hauled to the Southeast and blew
up strong with heavy squalls at five o'clock
in the morning double reefed the topsails
and reefed the courses steering East
Lat 50:49 Long 125:00 Bar 29.6

Sunday December 11th
Commences with strong southerly winds
steering East with double reefed topsails.
At three o'clock this morning the wind
died away some and hauled to the
S. S. W. when we made all sail, at
two o'clock in the afternoon it blew on
strong and we took in the Studding sails
and Main Toyal, at sunset shot under
three topgallant sails, frequent squalls
Lat 51:07 Long 120:00 Bar 29.5

Monday December 12th
First part Fresh winds from the Southeast.
Middle part strong winds from the south under two reef topsails
Later part moderate S.W. winds steering East by compass
Last night fastened the fastrope to the other main sail and
split the fly jib - Ordered them to dory
Lat 52:02 Long 145:00 Bar 29.5

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Tuesday December 13th 1853
Commences with a strong S.W. wind but soon
hauled to the N.S.W. breeze on gradually
untill three o'clock in the afternoon when double
reefed and took in the Main sail
some of our oil between decks got adrift
and we filled in around them with water
Lat D. 53:00 S Long 109 00 W Bar 29.5

Wednesday December 14th
Commences with a strong S.W. gale ship under
two reef topsails. Middle part the same
later part more moderate set a single reef
Main topsail and maint. gallant sail over it
Ship taking in a great deal of water over
the rail Lat 54 00 Long 104:00 Bar 29.5

Thursday December 15
Commences with a strong westerly wind but it
soon hauled to the N.S.W. and blew on; and
we double reefed the topsails: in the morning
the wind commenced dying away, and hauled
to the west, at noon, we set the Main
Bogal and Maint. gallant studding sail
Lat 55 00 Long 98:30 Bar 29.7

Friday December 16
Commences with strong westerly wind; the ship
with topgallant studding sails cut, in the
Middle of the night, it blew on with fog
and rain and we took in the studding sails
and main royal in the morning the
wind hauled to the N.W. and died away
some and we set the Studding sails and
Main Bogal, Course East by Compass
untill noon when we kept her E by N & W
Lat 56:00 S Long 93:00 Bar 29.7

Niagara from Maui to Fair Haven

Saturday December 17th 1858
Strong winds from N.W. to North and
thick fog steering E by N & or by compass
with maintopgallantsail set for a
short time in the forenoon we hauled
the main Tackal out
Barometer very low
Lat 56:45 S Long 86:30 Bar 29.00

Sunday December 18
Strong winds from the N.W. with heavy
sleet first part thick sleet with the
maintopgallantsail set going quick
In the middle part it blew on stronger
and we decubled the topsails, furl'd
the mainsail and reeled the Foresail
steering N.E. by E. by compass
Shipped a heavy sea last night, stove the
key house and lost some of our hogs
overboard
Lat 57:04 S Long 80:00 W Bar 29

Monday December 19
Commences with strong northwest winds steering
N.E. by E. by compass under two reef topsails
and courses Middle part more moderate and
we set whole topsails Later part topgallantsail
out thick weather
Lat 56:40 S Long 79:30 West Bar 29.10

Tuesday December 20
Commences with fresh northerly winds steering N.E. by E
with maintopgallantsail set at three o'clock this morning
the wind hauled to the west and we set the M Tack
and topgallantsails, at eight o'clock this morning
we passed the Diagoer one mile distant at two o'clock in
the afternoon Cape Horn bearing north at first N.W. the
hauled to the west and died away nearly calm

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Wednesday December 21st 1853

Round the ship fifty five miles to the East of the Chronometer

Commences with light northerly winds and calms steering to the N O Cape Horn on sight Middle part strong N, E, winds steering by the wind under two reef topsails

Later part light westerly winds steering N, W by compass with three topgallant sails out Lat 56:08 Long 163:20 Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$ light rising

Thursday December 22

First part winds light and it went around the compass three times Middle part steady winds from the N, W, W later part Moderate from the N, S, W steering N, E, by compass with Main royal and topgallant studding sails out Lat 54:50 S Long 161 00 W Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$

Friday December 23

Commences with a light wind from the S, W, steering to the N, E, by compass Middle part the same.

Later part calm and a light wind from the N, E, steering by the wind to the Eastward. Saw the Falkland Islands to the Northward and a sail to the Eastward the first we have seen since we left Bouratango

Lat 53 14 Long 58 30 Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$

Saturday December 24

First part light winds from the North, steering by the wind Later part strong winds from N, W, W steering N, E, by compass at eight o'clock this morning lost sight of that sail eastern

Lat 51:50 Long

Bar 29 $\frac{1}{10}$

Nigeron from Cape Horn to Fairhaven

Sunday December 25th 1853
Commences with a fresh breeze from the
N W steering by the wind to the N W
Middle part the same
Later part very strong winds from the
West steering N E by N by compass
Lat 50 00 S Long 51 00 W Bar 29 $\frac{4}{10}$

Monday December 26
Commences with strong S W winds steering
N E by N by compass with mountain tops
Later part more moderate ship with topsails
studying sails & main royal set
Lat 47:30 S Long 47 00 W Bar 29 $\frac{4}{10}$

Tuesday December 27
Commences with a light westerly wind
but soon hauled to the South and
then S E in the morning in the
afternoon it hauled back to the South
and blew on strong, at five o'clock
in the afternoon we close reefed the fore top
sail reefed the fore sail and double reefed
the main top sail steering N E by North
at three o'clock in the afternoon
hauled a Duck Shot steering to the
Northward Lat 46 00 Long 45 00 Bar 29 $\frac{3}{10}$

Wednesday December 28
A strong southerly gale steering before
the wind to the Northward under a double
reef main top sail close reefed by throat
and reef of foresail being very sea
shot taking in a great deal of
water in stock
Lat 42:40 Long 44:30 Bar 29 $\frac{6}{10}$

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Thursday December 29th 1853

Commenced with a strong southerly gale steering N.E. by N. under double reef topsails Middle part more moderate set whole topsails and maintopgallant sail. Later part wind S.W. steering N.E. half N. with Main Toyal and topgallantstudding sails

Lat 39:39 S Long 42:00 W Bar 29 to

Friday December 30

Commenced with a very light S.W. wind but soon died away to a calm and sprang up from the S.W. by N. and continued so steering N.E. & N. by compass. Fine beautiful weather the whole twenty four hours Lat 38:00 Long 40:00 Bar 30 to

Saturday December 31

Light and fine weather from the S.W. steering by the wind to the N.E. with the Main royal out

Lat 36:32 Long 37:30 Bar 30 to

Sunday January 1 1854

Very light winds from the S.W. to N.E. steering N.E. and by the wind with the Main Toyal out

Lat 35:32 S Long 35:32 Bar 30 to

Monday January 2

Very light winds from the S.W. to N.E. steering by the wind to the Eastward until noon when we tacked to the S.W.

Lat 35:00 Long 34:00 Bar 30 to

of Ship Niagara from Cape Horn to Fairhaven

Tuesday January 3rd 1854

Commences with light winds from the N.E. steering by the wind to the N.N.W. with three Breezes Middle part the same Sailed past strong winds from the E.N.E.; at four P.M. Tackled in the topgallantsails.

Lat 33:38 S Long 94:40 W Bar 30.70

Wednesday January 4

Strong winds from the E.N.E. steering by the wind to the N.N.W. under Topsails, Breeze with some rain. At five o'clock in the afternoon the winds died away and heeled to the N.N.W. whence tacked to the N.E.

Lat 31 00 Long 94:10 Bar 30.70

Thursday January 5

Commences with light Northerly winds, steering by the wind to the E.N.E. with all sail out; at noon the wind heeled to the N.W. in a squall and we kept the ship N.E. by N. as it would to get as far east as thirty degrees of longitude before we tacked the braces.

Frequent few squalls and a heavy swell from the N.E. Lat 29:55 Long 93:20 Bar 29.70

Friday January 6

Commences with strong N.W. winds steering by the wind to the N.E. under topsails Middle part under two reefs Sailed past wind light from the W.N.W. with rain topgallantsails out steering N.E. by N.

Lat

Bar 29.70

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Saturday January 7th 1854

Commences with a very light wind from the N.W. with rain steering N.E. by E with topsails at noon the wind hauled to the S.W. when we set the studding sail at two o'clock in the afternoon the wind hauled to the S.E. and we kept the ship N by E raining all of the afternoon I am in hopes that this wind will carry us up to the trades
Lat 27:38, Long 91 20 Bar 29 76

Sunday January 8

First part light winds from the South east with rain; Middle and later part light Easterly winds steering N by E with three Breezes and topgallant studding sails at six o'clock this afternoon passed a brig steering N by E
Lat 24:50 Long 91 04 Bar 30

Monday January 9

Commences with moderate winds from the Eastward. but soon hauled to the S.E. and remained untill five o'clock in the afternoon when it came out to the northward suddenly at eleven o'clock in the forenoon we saw a sail to the northward and came up with her very fast our line as the wind bell she heaving the wind to the northward very light after we ran out of the southerly wind we saw a sail coming up from the Southward, Set up our fore topmast stays this afternoon

Lat 22:37 Long 91 30 Bar 30

the Niagara from Cape Henry to Fair Haven

Tuesday January 10th 1854
Commenced with a light northerly wind
steering by the wind to the E. N. E.
Middle point later part fresh winds
from the Northward bearing E. N. E.
Later part squally
Saw a bark to the S. E.
Lat 21° 54' S Long 31° 05' Bar 29.75

Wednesday January 11
Strong winds from the Northward, steering by
the wind to the E. N. E. At one o'clock
last night, saw a brig, steering by the wind
to the W. N. W. At seven o'clock this morning
we tacked to the W. N. W. At noon we
saw a brig and bark steering by the wind
to the E. N. E. At five o'clock in the
afternoon we tacked to the E. N. E.
Very squally the whole day; we carried the
topgallants until three o'clock in the
afternoon and then took them in.
At dark weather very thick and dark &
raining some Lat 24° 07' Long 30° 00' Bar 29.70

Thursday January 12
Strong Northerly winds steering by
the wind to the E. N. E. Under
topails. Raining most of the time
at three o'clock in the afternoon
saw a bark steering by the wind
to the N. W. at five P. M. saw the
Island of Longwood bearing East
Six miles at dark we tacked to
the N. W. by W.
Lat 20° 30' Long 30° 00' Bar 29.70

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Friday January 13th 1844 ^{At saw Trinidad yesterday}
Strong winds from the N.E. to E.N.E.
with heavy squalls of wind and rain
and what is singular the squalls come
up from the sea and increase the
wind without changing it
steering by the wind to the Northward and
westward

D. A. Lat 19:20, Long 30:40 W Bar 29.9

Saturday January 14
Strong winds from the N.E. by N steering
by the wind to the N.W. by N under
top sails until daylight when we set the
top galluntails, at daylight we saw
a ship steering to the Southward
saw many other sails working to the
Northward

Lat 18:25 Long 32:00 Bar 30

Sunday January 15
First part light winds from the N.E. &
steering by the wind to the N.W.
until daylight when the wind hauled
to the E.N.E. and we kept the ship
North at five o'clock in the afternoon
spoke the whale ship Rebecca Sims of
New Bedford forty five days out clean
Report yesterday Bark Champion of
West Port Bound up the coast on
Black fish

Lat 16:18 Long 33 16 Bar 30 to

of Ship Niagara from Trinidad to Pointe

Monday January 16
Moderate Easterly winds and fine weather
steering North with all sail set
Employed at Baling the rigging
Lat 19 25 S Long 33 45 W Bar 30

Tuesday January 17
Moderate Easterly winds steering N E & with
three royals out. Employed at Baling
and taring the rigging down
Lat 10 23 Long 37 10 Bar 30

Wednesday January 18
First part very light easterly winds steering
N E & Middle part light S E winds
later part Fresh Easterly winds
All sail set out at six o'clock this morning
Spoke the Whale ship Monteguma from
the Sandwich Islands for New Bedford
full But going to touch at Pernambuco
for provisions
Employed at Baling the rigging and setting
it up Lat 8 15 Long 34 36 Bar 30

Thursday January 19
First part Fresh breezes from the S E & in
the morning it hauled to the S S E and
at sunset it hauled to the East
Middle and later part light
Employed at setting up the lower rigging
Saw three sails steering to the Northward
Lat 5 33 Long 34 36 Bar 30

"At 'sweet' sixteen; that troubles day,
When fluttering thoughts will from us stray
Like beautiful birds on wayward wing,
That come and go, and round us fling
Sweet hopes, by whose delusive light
Earth's views seem changeless, pure and bright.
I saw then I knew a youth, whose face
Was faultless as his form of grace;
His wavy curls of auburn hue
Shaded his eyes of heavenly blue,
And when I saw their dreaming light,
Earth seemed like heaven, as fair and bright,
I prized this youth all else above,
And revelled in a dream of love.
But soon a change came o'er my dream;
It faded slow, but shone away;
I saw 'twas but the transient beam
Of 'fame's' flesh; not reason's ray;

"At twenty when the fiery blood
Gushes a strong wild reckless flood
I met a tall dark visaged man
Whose eye of flame each heart could scan
His high smooth brow was fair to view
Or hung by locks of ebony hue.
And oh! his smile! it thrilled my breast
And robbed me soon of peace and rest
How wildly, madly, then I loved!
So reason blind, deaf when reproved,
I felt that reason must depart,
And hope and life forsake my heart
Ere from its idol it could change range
Or know one shadow of a change,
But 'change' again came o'er my dream
When passion by its force was spent,
Imagination's wavering beam
Faded when cooler light was sent

66 At twenty-five, when best we learn
To bid the wandering thoughts return;
When feelings shuns the rocky steep,
And flows along more still and deep,
I met another on whose face
I only sought a soul to trace.
I learned his worth and when at length
My heart had proved his friendship's strength
I gave him all I had to give,
And sweetly now in peace I live
No further change came, or my dream,
For waking judgment chose the path
Where brightly shines hopes precious beam,
Around my never-dying faith."

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Sunday January 20 1854

First part fresh breeze from the ENE with
squalls Middle part strong Easterly winds
Later part fresh S E winds steering
S W until daylight and then N W by N
Saw a Bark and brig starting the same
Employed at tacking the rigging
Lat 3:08.5 Long 36:36 W Bar 30

Saturday January 21

First part light Easterly winds but it hauled
to the S E in the morning steering N W by N
with all sail
We found some of our bone dump and
we took up and dried 1000 lbs of it
Saw on sail astern in the morning but
soon ran her out of sight
Lat 00:50 S Long 39:11 W Bar 30

Sunday January 22

Light winds from N E steering N W by N
with all sail set, in the afternoon we
reduced two sails ahead; finished
drying our bone in the fore hold
11 AM to altogether
Lat 1:39 North Long 41 16 Bar 30

Monday January 23

Fresh breeze from the N. E. steering
to the N W & N with Breeze out until
five P M when we took them in
Employed at ridding the rigging
Saw a Merchants Brig steering to
the N. W.
Lat 3:49 Long 43:30 Bar 30

of the Niagara from Pormembur to Fairhouse

Tuesday January 24th 1854
Strong winds from the N.E. steering
N.W. with topgallant sails, Employed
at setting the rigging.
Set 6:13 AM Log 45 30 W Bar 30

Wednesday January 25
Strong winds from the N.E. by N steering
by the wind to the N.W. with the
Main Trawl set; hauled in the Sea
Main Trawl backstays. Weather rough.
Set 8:32 AM Log 48 20 W Bar 30

Thursday January 26
Strong winds from the N.E. by N steering
N.W. with the Main Trawl set out
Employed at hauling up the Starboard
Main Trawl Backstays
Set 10:54 AM Log 51 30 Bar 30

Friday January 27
Strong winds from the E.N.E. with heavy squalls
of wind and rain. at noon we took in
the main trawl and fore and mizen
topgallant sail at four PM took in the
the Main Trawl sail Fly Yel & Crossjack
Set 12:30 AM Log 54 10 Bar 30

Saturday January 28
Strong winds from the E.N.E. steering N.W.
under topsails untill daylight when we set
the Main Trawl sail, at noon set the Crossjack
sail and Fly Yel.
Set 10 10 Log 57 25 Bar 30 to

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Sunday January 29th 1854

Fresh breezes from the N.E. to East steering
N.W. with all sail out, Saw a brig
steering to the N.W. and a fore and aft
schooner steering Southward

Lat 18 40 N Long 66 30 W Bar 30.70

Monday January 30

Sight Easterly steering N.W. by N with
all sail out, Took up our bone out
of the sail room brushed it and
put it back, again saw the first Gulf weed

Lat 21:04 N Long 69 50 W Bar 30.70

Tuesday January 31

Sight winds from East to South steering
N.W. by N with all sail out, All hands
employed at washing and pounding, Shook
a fluke of Gulf weed

Lat 22:45 N Long 64:00 W Bar 30.70

Wednesday January 1

Sight winds from the Southward until two
o'clock last night when it hauled to the
Southwest; At noon it hauled to the west
with squalls from the N.W.

Steering N.W. by half N. and by the wind
at one o'clock in the afternoon saw a
fore and aft schooner steering to southward
The watch employed at clearing up
decks painting marks &c

Lat 24.40 N Long 64.50 W Bar 30.70

the Albatross from the Equator to Fairhaven

Thursday February 2^d 1854
First part light westerly winds middle
and latter part calm
Painted ship on the outside
Lat 26.4 North Long 165 15 W Bar 30.70

Friday February 3^d
First part calm; middle part light wind
from the N.S.W. Later part moderate
winds from the N.S.W.
Saw two fore and aft schooners steering
the southward
Lat 27 12 North Long 166 00 W Bar 30.70

Saturday February 4th
Commences with moderate winds from the
Westward steering N.W. by N. & on at midnight
the wind sprang out to the N.W. in a heavy
squall. Split the jib
Blowing heavy the rest of the twenty four
hours Ship heading to the N.E. under
two reef topsails at four P.M. were shot
to the N.W.W. Saw a fore and aft
schooner steering to the Southward
Lat 29.06 Long 167 00 W Bar 30.70

Sunday February 5th
Commences with strong winds from the N.W.W.
Ship heading to the N.S.W. under two reef
topsails Middle part more moderate set the
topgallant sails Later part winds very light
Saw two ships steering by the wind to
the N.E. heavy squall from the N.W.W.
Lat 29.12 Long 168.30 Bar 30.70

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Monday February 6th 1854

Commenced with a calm but at four o'clock in the morning a light breeze sprung up from the West steering N.W. at ten o'clock the breeze freshened and we took in the Royals and sent down the Fore and mizzen royal yards; at noon took in the topgallant sails and fly jib.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the wind came from the N.W. in squalls when we double reefed the topsails; at dark ship heading to the Northward by the wind. Ambient reported and bent the Crossjack sail
Lat 30° 09' N Long 68° 43' W Bar 30 to

Tuesday Feb 7th

Commenced with a gale from the N.W. heading to the N.E. at midnight the wind heaved to the N.W.E. and we laid out to the N.W. at four P.M. the wind heaved to the N.E. ship heading to the N.W. at five o'clock in the afternoon the wind heaved to the N.E. by E.

at dark saw a sail steering by the wind to the Eastward. Put our logworks overboard
Lat 31° 08' N Long 69° 10' W Bar 30 to
at dark more moderate and we set the Main topgallant sail

Wednesday February 8

First part light wind from E.N.E. to E. Middle and later part strong breeze from the S.S.E. steering N by W & W at four P.M. took in the studding sails and fore and Mizzen topgallant sail. Reported the Foresail saw a ship steering to the E.N.E.
Lat 32° 05' N Long 70° 40' W Bar 30 to

of Ship Niagara from ^{30th} 38th West to Fairhaven

Thursday February 9th 1854
Commences with a strong wind from
the Southward steering NW by N & N
at eight o'clock last night double
reef, & the topsails at nine lock in
the mizen topsail blowing very
heavy at four o'clock in the
morning took in its fore topsail and
foremast & had very heavy squall
from the S.W. with lightning
At six o'clock the wind hauled
to the West set's most light
A.W. winds and very heavy swell
in the afternoon made double reef
topsails. Saw a ship laying
to, under stern sails
Lat 36:04 Long 71:10 Bar 29.7

Friday February 10
Commences with light A.W. winds at ten o'clock
last night it hauled to the West A.W.
and at noon to the N.W. steering N by W
and by the wind, until four P.M.
when we got across the Gulf and
it blew on strong and we doubled
the topsails. Set a barrel of lime on
the decks to whiten them.
Saw a sail steering to the Northward
Lat 37:25 N Long 71:17 Bar 29.7

Entered the Gulf at daylight this
morning and got across at four
o'clock in the afternoon

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Saturday February 11th 1854

Commenced with strong winds from the N.W. steering by the wind to the N.E. Under double reef topsails and reefed courses at ten o'clock last night we tacked ship to the West; at four o'clock in the afternoon we tacked to the N.E. - Saw quite a number of gulls flying around the ship. Black Island North 130 miles
Lat 38° 10' Long 71° 04' W Bar 30.70

Sunday February 12

Commenced with a strong breeze from the N.W. heading by the wind to the N.E. Until midnight when we tacked to the West. Middle part a very light fair fast calm. Saw a Barque and schooner steering by the wind to the West. Our Barometer has risen higher than at any time since we left home. being 30.70
Lat 38° 09' Long 71° 27' W

Monday February 13

Commenced with a calm at nine o'clock last night a very light breeze sprang up from the S.E. steering North from Cleoren until three o'clock. We had the wind East at four o'clock in the morning it hauled to the S.E. and commenced raining gently and continued so until noon when the wind hauled to the south at five o'clock we sounded and had forty fathoms white sand with Black specks at dark wind South light
Set by cut 40 00 Long 71 47

Ship Niagara from the Gulf to Fairhaven

Tuesday February 14th 1854

Commenced with light Southerly wind with light rain steering North untill midnight when we had 23 fathoms of water it then decreased away calm and came in fog; at seven o'clock in the morning the wind came out to the N.E. and we stood in to the N.W. by the wind untill we got into Seven fathoms of water coarse red sand we then tacked to the S.E. and lay aback untill noon when it cleared up some and we saw Montserrat point bearing N.W. four miles distant and also a Barque steering to the S.W. it then came in fog and we stood to the S.E. with a very light wind untill three o'clock when we tacked to the N.W. and saw a schooner at four P.M. it cleared up again and we saw Montserrat bearing N.W. by N three miles and also Black Island to the N.E. by E just in sight of deck it then came in thick again

Wednesday February 15th

Commenced with a light wind from the E.N.E. to East steering by the wind to the S.E. untill eleven o'clock last night when we tacked to the N.W. and at midnight she came ab N.E. by E. and at three o'clock in the morning the wind hauled to the southward and we kept her E.N.E. untill ten o'clock in the forenoon when it came in thick fog and died away calm from three o'clock P.M. untill dark light air from the South with rain I suppose Gayhead to bear N.E. ten miles; Water 17 fathoms coarse red sand

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Thursday February 16th 1854

Began with a light southerly wind with thick fog and rain. 14 fathoms of water. Coarse red sand, sailing aback at eight in the evening the wind hauled to the N.W. very light at midnight the weather cleared away some. At half past one in the morning we saw Gayhead light bearing N.E. and heard the surf on Romans land. At three o'clock saw a Barge steering for Gayhead.

April 11, 1969.

Some comparative notes on this Log - or rather Captain's Journal, and the official Log of the same voyage (# 399 in the U. S. Historical Collection at the Whaling Museum.)

(The captain was quite homesick, and often said so.)

Repeatedly when they pass or speak a vessel, the Captain gets and notes down the name, which the mate misses. E.g. - Oct 9th the captain saw the Vernon and the Ohio; the mate missed both.

Oct. 13, '51 the mate does not mention "Cooper" sick with the horrors "etc."

Mate concludes - Thursday Feb 16, 1854... light air from N.W. with a thick fog laying about south of Black Island Middle part calm, latter part breezes from N.W. with a thick snow storm Ship under all sail steering for Bay Head at 4 we took the Pilot at 11 A.M. ^{passed [and]} took anchor in Tarpolin Cove.

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Gen. Roberts
1958

Sperm Whales in the Atlantic
 On the American Lat 25 00 to 30
 Lat 40 00 Long 40 W West
 Western Islands, Trinidad

Sperm Whales in the Pacific
 Jarvis Island

Jan Lat 26 00 S Long 21 50 West
 Feb Lat 28 00 S Long 16 28 W
 March Lat 45 10 S Long 15 7 E
 Lat 25 00 S Long 171 E good ground
 Lat 17 00 S Long 171 E - -

Whale Whales

Lat 33 10 to 33 40 South

Long 76 00 East

Abstract of the E. L. B. Tomneys, sperm whale voyage

Lat 28 45 Long 139 15

Lat 4 41 South Long 112 00 West April 8

Lat 00 19 North Long 121 00 West 15

Lat 00 22 North Long 120 30 West 16

Lat 00 12 North Long 120 40 West 17

Lat 00 09 North Long 120 00 West 22

Lat 00 19 North Long 120 00 West 24

Lat 00 15 South Long 119 40 West 25

Lat 31 17 North Long 173 27 East July

Lat 30 48 North Long 164 30 East 9

Lat 29 43 North Long 164 38 East 20

Lat 30 39 North Long 166 00 27

Success in Berings Bay

Lat 18 50 North Long 168 00 August 8

Lat 19 28 North Long 119 14 Jan 30

Lat 20 19 North Long 119 24 Feb 5

Lat 28 05 North Long 119 20 March 6

Lat 28 14 North Long 120 09 16

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Lat 28 03 North	Long 141 45 East	June 8
Lat 28 09 North	Long 141 50 East	June 18
Lat 28 12 North	Long 142 15 East	June 14
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Lat 28 49 North	Long 142 11 East	June 29
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Lat 29 22 North	Long 141 28 East	July 4
Lat 28 00 North	Long 141 40 East	July 4
Lat 28 13 North	Long 141 40 East	July 5
Lat 30 49 North	Long 142 22 East	July 10
Lat 30 53 North	Long 142 08 East	July 31
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Lat 34 31 North	Long 158 23	East Aug 30
Lat 31 28 North	Long 160 32	East Sept 10
Lat 31 06 North	Long 164 49	East Oct 3

November December & Jan off New Ireland
Turtle season at the Banks from Feb to August
Monmouth. Internal West side in the N E monsoon
Blue Cloth at 15 c per yard
Green yellow socks &c Blue & bleached cottons
15 cents per yard

Sperm Whales on the west coast of New Holland

Sperm whales when seen on the west coast of New Holland, will be seen going one of the four point courses, (that is N. W. N. E. S. E. or S. W.) if going to the Northward they will be going slow not more than a half to three quarters of a mile under way, but if going to the southward they will be going quick from three to four miles. That will be a rule although there may be exceptions.

Experience of an old cruiser.